



*Apprehended
By His
Glory*

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Introduction

I am writing this book because the Word of Truth has radically changed and transformed my life. I want to pass on these treasures that God has given me so that the body of Christ can come into their true identity and be everything He created them to be. I know I have just scratched the surface of our mighty omnipotent God. I trust that His Word will challenge and help you see things through the eyes of the Spirit and that you will be enlightened to His call and purpose for your life. I don't pretend to be better or more knowledgeable than anyone else, but experiencing through the Spirit my death to self and total dependence upon Him, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

One day the Lord spoke to me and said, "Your birth is not effective unless you fulfill your destiny." I want to be everything God created me to be and press toward the prize, the mark, the goal of the high call in Christ Jesus. I know if you are reading this book you have the same desire. Amos 3:3 states that two cannot come together unless by a divine appointment, or an agreement, and that agreement is in the Spirit. The Word says we are in captivity because of lack of knowledge. My purpose is to give you such unquestionable truth in the knowledge of Him and His Word that you may know Him in the power of His resurrection. The most important ministry that God gave to the church is to equip His people to grow up into the full stature of Christ so that each member may hear from God.

The knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth, but it must first fill a people, a remnant of overcomers who have walked in Him. God's purpose is that man would be the dwelling place, the abode, the sanctuary, the tabernacle and the very habitation of God. The Bible tells us that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. This

temple is a dwelling place of the Most High God Who abides within the innermost being of the believer. Praise God!

I have written this book because of questions in my own heart which the Lord has so graciously taught me through the years of my own transformation. I have learned that His Word is true and will manifest when we truly believe what it says. I believe for the most part we have had a lot of lip service, religious works and selfish projection with little power. Where is the power? The authority? The dominion that God gave man? This is my quest and my desire: to pursue Him, seek Him and walk with Him like Enoch did. The prize is the promise of full salvation which will set us free from mortality. (**Resurrection Chapter**)

The Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This prayer brings the heavens, the Spirit realm, to the earth. (**Heavens Chapter**) We are being adorned in who He is! He is Spirit and to know God is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth! In sending His Son, His Word, to the earth, He re-instated what man had defiled. He gave us access back to the original state that He had ordained from the foundation of the world! (**Adam Chapter**) The question is: how are we going to be transformed and what is our purpose? How are we going to achieve His purpose in our lives? This is the reason I wrote these treasures and have taught them in the nations. His transforming truth and power will set men free. My joy is to expound on these wonderful treasures and mysteries which He has revealed to me. In the night season He would speak to me and give me key nuggets that would open up awesome aspects of His truth. I want to pass on these treasures because they have transformed my life and allowed me see the true RESURRECTED CHRIST. I do not claim to be a writer, or even really desired to write. But within my very being, I knew that the treasures He had given me must be shared with His beloved.

Christ died that His Seed would multiply in the earth. What is that Seed? It is the Living Word, the very DNA of God manifesting in a people who have come into agreement with Him (**Seed Chapter**). The atmosphere that we live in governs and dictates our life and it determines our victory or defeat. (**Garden Chapter**) This depends on what tree we are eating of (**Tree Chapter**), what spirit is ruling (**Serpent Chapter**) and what is governing our thoughts (**Adam Chapter**). We must know what the creative force of the Word of life is saying!

1 John 4:17b states “As He is so are we in the earth today.” Are we truly “as He is”? If not, why not? The Lord has blessed me with a divinely appointed family which functions as His covenant cluster. We are living and teaching these principles and seeing people transformed as they come into maturity because of these truths. I pray as you read this book that you will see the fulfillment of **Christ in you the hope of glory**. May you be set on fire to so pursue and seek Him that you will soar in the heavens as the great eagle that He intended you to be!

Adam

God's purpose in creating the physical universe was to glorify Himself in a new dimension. Man, being the highest form of life on the earth was created not only to glorify God, but also for God to glorify Himself in man. In the beginning, Adam was **created** in the image and likeness of God (**Genesis 1:27**). He, a spiritual man, was brought forth out of the very Spirit substance of God Almighty, and embodied His divine nature, character and power. The image of God is the character and nature of God reproduced in man. In Genesis, chapter one, we see this man created by God, made in His likeness and image. We see a transition from chapter one to chapter two; the fall of man. **Genesis 2:7** says, "Then the Lord God **formed** man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul" (psuche). The man who had been spirit now became a LIVING SOUL – manifesting in the earth realm. Here we see the process of descending from a pure spiritual existence into a lesser realm. It was now a body fashioned from the dust, but infused with divine, spiritual heavenly life. Man was still made in the likeness and image of God, but he was now lowered into a house of clay; formed in an earthy body that governed him, instead of manifesting the spirit being God intended him to be, who was housed completely by the light and glory of God. His light, his glory was now defused, veiled with flesh.

When Adam sinned, he lost the glory of God that previously had covered him. He was found to be naked – that is, he came short of God's glory, short of what he once possessed. God made them garments of **skin**. Now they were naked, exposed, and conscious of the physical, external realm that now governed them instead of the Spirit of the Living God (**Genesis 3:21**). The sentence of the law condemned him to death, to a mortal state, to an earthy dimension that now restricted him from the fullness and freedom he once had, causing him to live according to the **flesh** (symbol of the external, temporal, worldly, earthy, body of flesh). We read in

Romans 8:20, “For the **creation** (Adam, creation, original formation, to completely change or transform) was subjected to **futility** (vanity, excessive pride, admiration of one’s own appearance or achievement) not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, with hope.” We see that when that dark hour came, the **creature** (Adam, creation) was made subject to vanity, and he (Adam) fell. He now allowed his fleshly desires to rule him instead of living in and by the Spirit of the Living God, above the external realm of self-gratification and selfish desires. This **creation** (Adam) that God had created was subject to vanity, futility and was changed – transformed into a lower dimension (physical and moral passions, carnally minded). Not only did we lose the inheritance of dominion and authority over the earth, we also lost the completeness of the Spirit to rule and reign within us.

At the very first Passover God instructed Moses how to restore man’s relationship with God, to deal with the root problem of sin through a sacrifice. An innocent animal, such as a lamb, had to be slain and had to shed its blood for the debt to be paid for one’s sin. These sacrifices had to be repeated because the blood of the animals could never restore us back to God. This was a pattern of what was to come. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the only spotless Lamb, our sins would be forgiven and we would be set free. Jesus had to be born of an earthly woman of Adam’s descent in order to receive authority in the earth, because God had given that authority to Adam (**Gen. 1:28**). Jesus showed us the way to re-inherit what was lost through Adam’s sin. Adam’s sentence was mortality – the consequence of his sin was death. Neither Adam nor any other man could do enough good deeds to restore himself back to the state of being governed by the spirit. Because Jesus had a heavenly Father and an earthly mother, He was able to inherit both heaven and earth (Matt. 28:18). We know that when Christ returns His reward is with Him (Rev. 22:12). This is the promise that the patriarchs of Hebrews eleven are waiting for, the redemption of their bodies. We will discuss this later in depth. History is the story of man’s return to his divine inheritance, to the immortal, glorified body. We are to anxiously await the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:23). Like Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:1-2, this new body (eternal, glorified body) is being held in reserve for us in the heavenly realm, the Spirit realm. That is why the Word says, **heaven is His throne** (seat of power and authority) and the **earth is His footstool** (complete submission to the heavenly realm that is the Spiritual realm).

It is the season, the kairos moment, the timing of God. The Lord is revealing and manifesting Himself in the earth. His glory is increasing and a voice in the earth is coming from a people who have been apprehended by The Father through His Son Jesus Christ. A fertile seed is growing in the earth of the true knowledge of the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The trumpet is sounding and gathering His elect from the north, south, east and the west. I can see the knowledge of God increasing in the earth. Zion is awakening!

It is time the body of Christ recognizes its true purpose and identity as offspring of the Most High God. We are not just members of a local church going to hear a nice message and warm the pew. No, that is not what God intended for you and me. He created us in His image and likeness to have dominion and to rule and reign as priests and kings (Gen. 1:26-28; Rev. 5:10). Sometimes it seems that the only reigning we do is in our own imaginations, dreaming of unfulfilled desires to satisfy the flesh instead of having the fullness of true life in the Spirit of God. God never intended for man to be controlled by anything or anyone but Him. We have gotten very far away from the Truth, following doctrines and traditions of men, and we have not bothered to search the Truth for ourselves. As the Word says, because of lack of knowledge we are in captivity (Hosea 4:6).

Hebrews 2:8 tells us that God has put everything under man's feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, God left nothing outside of man's control. At the present time we do not see all things subjected to man. We do not see what has been given and provided for us until we pursue Him in the Truth of Who He is and who we are in Him.

Ephesians 1:18 – *By having your eyes flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints.*

When our eyes are open in Him (Truth) we see all things clearly and we are constantly being changed, transformed from glory to glory (1 Cor. 3:18). As we recognize our true authority we are no longer slaves to sin or to any hindrance or bondage, but we live in freedom and liberty.

We are not to be under subjection – controlled by circumstances, opposition, sickness, depression or fear. Doesn't the word say in Hebrew 2:8 that all things are to be subject to man? Instead man is in subjection and bondage to them. We are to

live in Christ who defeated every enemy and foe (Col 2:9-15). The Lord Jesus Christ sits at the Father's right hand in the highest realm, which supersedes all dimensions, and has won the victory over the world - the first Adam, the law of the flesh and Satan (Eph. 1:20-23). He has given us authority and dominion over all things (Eph. 2:4-6). He triumphed over death, hell and the grave and we are to administrate His overcoming power of what He accomplished on the cross and execute it in the earth. As we come into agreement with His Spirit and the Word, not just in verbiage, but in Oneness, every law, every kingdom must come under total subjection to Him. Then, greater is He in YOU than he (Satan) that is in the world (1 John 4:4)! He has given us the victory through the power of His death on Calvary to overcome all things in Him and to dictate His authority in the earth (Rom. 8:37).

Remember what Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:10: ***Thy kingdom come Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.*** We must really see the heart of God and realize what His purpose for mankind has been from the beginning. God sent His Son to restore His seed in the earth and to reinstate man's true identity which God had purposed before the foundation of the earth. His purpose for us is to become a many membered body as an extension of His character and nature in the earth, molded into His image and likeness as a corporate body, being built up in the full measure of the stature of Christ. Christ in you the HOPE OF GLORY. Gal. 4:6 - God sent forth the Spirit of His Son (His Word) into our hearts! The Lord wants to have a family of His own; a temple, a sanctuary, a dwelling place for His Spirit, a Bride for His Son of a priesthood of sons and daughters representing Him in the earth. Jesus Christ was the pattern, the example, THE SEED that would multiply and reproduce His character, His nature in the earth. He wants His people to have the dominion which Adam and Eve never attained because of their disobedience. God has never changed His mind; He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

MALE AND FEMALE AS ONE

Adam walked and lived in the Spirit. He had the mind of Christ, which was the Father's thoughts, will and purpose, but yet he lived in the earth. Adam named all the animals, all the different kingdoms, the plant kingdom, the rock kingdom etc. Can you imagine the mind he had to do this? Yes, the very mind of the Father,

given to His offspring, made in His image and likeness to rule and reign with all the attributes and blessings of a Son!!

All men in the first Adam are related by blood. Those born of the Last Adam, who is the Lord of Heaven, are of the life giving Spirit. We are united by Spirit the moment we understand that man in the beginning was created male and female and they were made in the image of God. When God formed the body of Adam from the dust of the ground, he was made in the image of God. God is Spirit - the image of God is the very nature of God.

In **Genesis 1:27** it says, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them”.

Genesis 5:2 - He created them male and female and blessed them and **named them both Adam** at the time they were created. Amp

Yet, separated as male and female in the garden, the two were as ONE flesh. God made it very clear they were one creation in the image of God. First the physical then the spirit (1 Cor. 15:46-49). Though they are individual, each having a spirit, soul and body, God created them as one to reveal Himself as both masculine and feminine in character and nature representing both of His attributes, but revealing also that divided we are not complete in Him.

The first consummation of a bride and bridegroom was physical (Adam and Eve), the last will be spiritual, Christ (bridegroom) and His Bride (redeemed Church).

Before Adam yielded to his soul (woman, self-dependence, law of flesh), they lived in divine health and complete communion and union with God. They lived above sickness, fear, pain, sorrow and death.

The spirit of man and his soul (female-woman) was to be ruled and dominated and governed by and through the Spirit of God as one. In the garden they were both named Adam as ONE, but yet separate bodies as male and female, symbolic of the completeness of God in all His characteristics in man.

In Genesis 2:23 Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman”, (the womb man), the female. In the Word of God we have the church as being feminine, the bride, and the groom being masculine representing the Son, Jesus Christ. God created man in His likeness and image. Now He sees man is alone, so out of His creation, He takes and separates the

masculine characteristics (procreative) from the feminine characteristics and brings forth the woman (womb of man), who conceives and nurtures the seed, to complement each other, but yet be complete as they are one in God, revealing the complete character and nature of God.

In Hebrew it explains what a woman is: Ish is the Hebrew name for man, Isha is the feminine form of Ish or Man. Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man”. **Gen. 2:23 (Amp)**.

Ish, Isha, male, female, both Adam, both in the image of God. In old Latin the word for man is vir and the word for woman is vira which means a female man. The English word for woman also confirms this truth, for it is a contraction of the old Anglo-Saxon term womb-man. This is where woman came from.

God gave them joint authority as One of His universal government. As our spirit and soul are one in Christ Jesus we are led by the Spirit. As the word says, “Those who are led by the Spirit are sons of God.” Just as Eve received all her blessings in Adam as one, we receive all our blessings in Christ Jesus as we are in unity in Him. So we can see in the example of Adam (spirit) and Eve (soul), in the garden, the atmosphere of God, the environment of the Spirit they were one! When they partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil instead of Adam (spirit) and Eve (soul) being one with the Spirit of God, they were separated, living in duality instead of being one. Remember Eve the womb-man, the soul, the feminine character of God that is a conceiving chamber and nurturer, came out of Adam’s (spirit) side which represents the masculine character of God, of His procreative power.

We must see this in the spiritual sense. Man was to glorify God as one – Eve the soul married to the spirit (Adam), completely ruled by the Spirit of God. Adam’s choice to submit to his own desires caused the separation from the Spirit of God and thrust them out of the very presence and atmosphere of God to a subservient dimension of the very thing they submitted to. Now we understand the scripture that says, God will not share His glory with flesh! Thus being disconnected from the glory and presence of God caused a transfer of authority from Adam to Satan and he became the god of this world to the unbeliever (2 Cor. 4:4). To the believer Satan is to be under our feet because of the precious blood of Jesus that was shed

on Calvary. Christ triumphed over death, hell and the grave and Satan is to be under our feet (Rom. 16:20). Amen!

John 17:21 - That they all may be One, as You, Father are in Me and I in You, that they also may be One in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.

This is also symbolic of the church that is quickened out of the resurrected Christ, (Groom, Husband) taken from His side, (Womb-man) being His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. He is the Head (Christ) and she (church) is the body, making One New Creation man (Eph. 5:22-33).

The New Creation Man - Christ in you the hope of glory, no longer lives in duality, no longer flesh ruling, but the Spirit. Christ came in the flesh to overcome the flesh of humanity and birth the New Man, after Himself, the Life giving Spirit of the incorruptible Seed. Man now has access into the Holy of Holies because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ who became the mediator, the go between that split the veil in two and gave us entrance into the very presence of God within the veil. **(Heb. 6:19-20)** He overcame death, hell and the grave, overcame the flesh, through the power of His shed blood on Calvary being the perfect sacrifice, and became the Last Adam, the Christ life giving Spirit **(1 Cor. 15:45)**.

Ephesians 4:15 - By abolishing in His (own crucified) flesh the enmity (caused by) the Law (of the flesh) with its decrees and ordinances (which He annulled): that He from the two might create in Himself one New Man (One New quality of humanity out of the two).

The New Creation Man – Christ in you the hope of glory.

Ephesians 4:13 - **Till we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

Who is this perfect man? Let's see what the Word says?

Hebrews 10:14 - For by a single offering **He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.** Christ and His Bride, the Last Adam and the New Eve. Doesn't the Word say He is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle, washed in the blood of the Lamb? No longer duality, no longer flesh ruling, but the Spirit, the Last Adam. Christ came in the flesh to

overcome the flesh through the Spirit. Here in Ephesians 5:23-27 - *For the husband (spirit) is the head of the wife (soul) as Christ is the head of the church, Himself being the Savior of the body.* As the soul submits to the spirit as one, in unity submitting to the Spirit of God, it produces the character and nature of God complete in His fullness. (24) *As the church (feminine) is subject to Christ, (masculine) so let wives (feminine) also be subject in everything to their husbands (masculine)* (25) *Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.* Christ shed His blood and died to restore our true identity in Him. (26) *That He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of the water of the Word.* (27) *That He might present to Himself the church in all her glory having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and blameless.*

The church is to be a glorious bride, prepared and adorned for her husband! She is to be a conceiving chamber of the Most High God; a habitation, a dwelling place, a sanctuary, a temple for the Bridegroom – the Word and the Spirit. Christ in you the hope of glory! Why? So that the two, the Bride (church, feminine) is consummated with the Son (masculine, Bridegroom), that they become ONE, to reproduce His offspring in the earth. That the knowledge of HIS GLORY WILL FILL THE EARTH (Habakkuk 2:14)! We see the same scenario individually and corporately. What is the purpose of marriage? Yes to have offspring, made in the image and likeness of God. That has always been the heart of God, to have a family of sons and daughters made in His image and likeness reproducing His character and nature in the earth.

The church must be married to the Son, the Word and the Spirit. Christ's body, the church must grow up into the head, grow into maturity being governed by and through the Spirit of Christ Jesus. (Eph. 4:15) We are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, Christ, the Word and the Spirit. When the soul, the flesh and body is submitted to the thoughts and purposes of God there is unity, holiness, honor and power and the manifestation of God will prevail! As husbands and wives are in submission and right standing with our Lord and Savior, we also will experience that love and peace with each other. As wives love their husbands with the heart of God and husbands love their wives as Christ loves the church we will manifest the love and character of the Lord in all areas of our life.

ADAM AND EVE'S DISOBEDIENCE

We must understand that God told them in Genesis 1:28 to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth, to subdue it and have dominion over it. They never fulfilled their destiny. They did not subdue and have dominion. After the fall, Adam and Eve only sustained. There is a difference between being sustained and inheriting. **'Sustain'** means to bear, to uphold, to support, to keep from falling, to maintain and keep alive. **'Inherit'** means to possess, to enjoy, to take possession by gift or divine appropriation, and to receive. We are heirs according to the promise (Gal. 3:29 Amp). Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve could not inherit what God had purposed for His children. As long as our flesh rules us we are not in agreement, unity with our true identity of the life giving Spirit of Christ. I pray God will give you such clarity through this study that you will find your true identity and be fulfilled in Him and Him alone.

Why would God say not to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil? The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a condition of the nature of humanity and man's carnal realm of reasoning which is the law of the flesh.

Reasoning means: drawing a conclusion or making a logical judgment on the basis of circumstantial evidence and prior conclusions rather than on the basis of reality; to form conclusions or judgments, thinking that is coherent and logical, analytical thinking, to analyze.

Knowledge is what conscience is, knowing good and evil, right or wrong; part of a super ego in psychoanalysis that judges the ethical nature of one's actions and thoughts.

This realm keeps man in his carnal nature, the law of the flesh and not in the sphere of God's Spirit. Good and evil can only be evaluated in the physical and natural realm and do not produce life.

Adam and Eve did not have a conscience before the fall. Within man there was no concept of good and evil. God told them not to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would surely die; in other words, they would be governed by what they submitted to. The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil or the law of the flesh was a lower dimension from the law of the Spirit. The Tree of knowledge of good and evil or law of the flesh opened a door that produced death and a

conscience of that dimension which they did not experience as long as they walked according to the law of the Spirit that produced life.

God's evil is good because it always has a purpose that is motivated by love to bring restoration and reconciliation to all situations. When Adam ate of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil his soul began to rule his spirit and he began to think dualistically. Good and evil were separated into opposites instead of two aspects of good – that is of love and justice. True justice, as defined by God's Word, makes justice the first priority, to bring about restoration and reconciliation, while the deterrent influence is secondary. The purpose of justice is to correct the sinner and restore the broken relationship with his victim.

Justice was misinterpreted as the opposite of love; as punishment instead of as an act of love to bring restoration and reconciliation. As this dualism progressed in religious philosophy, "hell" became a fear tactic of retribution in an attempt to restrain the ever-increasing evil among men and to discourage society from committing criminal acts. As well-meaning Christians feared divine law as if it came from a God of vengeance, this error of thinking came forth that God is to be feared as one who will impose punishment upon sinners, instead of righteous justice to correct and bring man into alignment with the true and living God.

This dualistic philosophy leaves mankind always seeing and relating to heaven and hell, light and darkness, good and evil all co-existing at the same time with no thought to restoration or reconciliation. Such a mindset separates evil from good, but never reconciles creation, as the scripture teaches. Paul says in Colossians 1:16-20 that "the all" of creation is "the all" that was reconciled in Christ. This can only occur if divine justice is good. Justice is only good if it has a good purpose and is imposed in love. All of God's justice is to restore the divine order, rather than imposing punishment to humanity, so that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I feel we have misrepresented the true love of the Father and our biggest issue is that we look through man's eyes instead of God's supernatural power to change man's heart. We see this with Esau when he went with his army to kill Jacob and the angelic host met Esau on the way and he had a sudden change of heart. Instead of killing him and his family, they embraced with the love of the Father. I wrote about this in Eliakim is Pleiades Book. God's love always bring restoration and

reconciliation. This does not mean that man does not suffer for our own foolish choices and sin. Like the Word says in Hebrews 2:10 that through suffering our salvation is perfected. Jeremiah 2:19 says, that our own wickedness corrects us.

The knowledge of good and evil deals with external behavior, judging all things on the basis of whether they are good or evil. This can only produce death. Adam and Eve desired to be wise and to be like God, but for the wrong reasons - to satisfy the carnal nature of their own desires. When Satan tempted Eve, he whispered in her ear, "You won't surely die, you will be like God". It was the soul, the mind, the will of the flesh that entertained the hissing and whispering of the Serpent. She (soul, flesh, Eve) enticed Adam (spirit) to partake of the Tree of knowledge of good and evil and no longer were they subservient to the Spirit of God. Thus being expelled from the very presence and environment of God fell into the realm of death. In Gen. 3:20 we see Eve receiving her own name of identity and now instead of the spirit and the soul being in unity, governed by the Spirit of God, they were now separated and no longer in the environment of God.

The soulish realm, (carnal nature) had over shadowed the spirit of Adam and man fell short of the glory of God. Exchanging a life of the blessings of God, Who was their provision, their protection and their pleasure, they now lived a life of self-reliance and separation from God. Thus, they lived in the consequences of their rebellion.

Adam (spirit) should have risen up and said "no" to Eve (soul, flesh) but he yielded and came into agreement with Eve (soul) instead of submitting to the life of the Spirit of God. Their rebellion opened the door to the law of flesh, a lower dimension, a lower law that would now rule them. They now were being ruled by their flesh (carnal nature) and body, instead of the Spirit ruling them. By yielding to the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil they were separated by the law that governed them. The consequence of their disobedience was separation from God, loss of their freedom and the right to the Tree of Life and the power over death. Although they did not physically die, they died spiritually and no longer had dominion or access to the garden, God's divine environment and presence.

Man fell short of his goal; he was now limited. The word of God says in Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Adam lost his true identity and all the benefits of the life God had ordained for him; His fullness and

having dominion and authority over all things. Now, instead of man ruling and reigning over all these things, Adam was in bondage and in slavery to the very things that he was supposed to rule over. The thing he was to govern now governed him. Through Adam, man without the Spirit of God governing is now ruled by a lower dimension, a lower law, the law of flesh. Whatever law we submit to is the law that will operate and govern us.

Genesis 3:14 - *And the Lord God said to the serpent, because you have done this, you are cursed above all animals and above every living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.*

Adam was formed out of the dust of the ground; (Gen. 2:7) formed of the physical, carnal, earthly-sense realm, and became the rightful food for the serpent.

We know through science that snakes which slither on the ground do not eat dust. They eat frogs, insects, rats, birds, etc. These terms are symbolic and spiritual, just like the dove is not the Holy Spirit – it is *symbolic* of the Holy Spirit. The snake was symbolic of the Serpent, the Devil which is a spirit of darkness, evil and wickedness. In 2 Cor. 11:14 Satan himself masqueraded as an angel of light.

So the first Adam – the fleshly, carnal nature - is cursed and is declared by God to be dust. Dust is symbolic of the carnal flesh of man and is the only realm in which Satan can exist and have dominion.

Psalm 103:14 - *For He knows our frame, He remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust.*

2 Corinthians 4:4 - For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the Image and Likeness of God. Amp.

We see in this scripture that Satan is the god of this world to the unbeliever's mind, which is the soulish realm of man, the dust realm of the carnal nature of man, the first Adam. Notice it says to the unbeliever!!! God told Satan, the only place you have place is in the dust realm, the carnal nature of the first Adam. The dusty, carnal nature of man, of his soulish realm of emotions, feelings, sight and desires; the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. When we identify

with our true nature the Last Adam, Christ, the life giving Spirit, which is Who God is and what He has said, then to the BELIEVER Satan is under our feet.

Romans 16:20 - *And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under YOUR FEET! Amp.*

We have had a major problem – we have been identifying with the wrong Adam! The ‘image of God’ was lost in the garden and that is what Jesus came to restore.

We are always trying to fix old Adam, trying to get to God another way, instead of walking and living in the finished work of Christ. The Lord is summoning His children to arise and shake off the dust of the first Adam and arise into the Last Adam of the incorruptible seed of our true identity.

Isaiah 52:2 - ***Shake yourself from the dust; arise up,** O captive Jerusalem; Loose yourself from the chains around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. NAS.*

We are joint heirs with Christ, learning to appropriate what He finished at the cross (Romans 8:17). We are complete in Him and our redemption has been paid in full. God loved us so much He sent His Son that we would have total access into the inheritance of our true identity. Now we must learn to walk in and identify with our true nature. We are made in His image and likeness, destined by Him to have dominion and authority in the earth. Satan was defeated at the cross and law of the flesh, first Adam no longer has the power to govern us. The first Adam only has power in our lives only when we give him place as we allow our mind to dictate thoughts that are negative and against the Word of God. We must declare and discipline ourselves in the Word until the Word becomes a reality. The Word says, the only place we are alienated from God is in our minds (Col. 1:21). We destroy speculation, imaginations that exalt itself against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:5).

The real issue that determines our victory or defeat is: “Are we living according to the flesh or Spirit?”

ADAM vs. CHRIST

I Corinthians 15:21 - ***It was through a man that death** (came into the world), also **it is through a Man that resurrection of the dead** (has come).*

Separation from God was not the definition of sin, but a consequence of mortality. Mortality was the dimension of a lower state that is a death realm that did not exist in the garden, the very presence of God. Adam hid and separated himself from God after he sinned. Mortality was the judgment for Adam's sin. Mortality is the first death. The second death is the lawful judgment for each individual's sin. In Revelation 20:13 it says they were judged, every one of them according to their own deeds. There are two kinds of death. The first death is mortality, while the second death is submitting to the discipline of God through a baptism of fire. The fire consumes the flesh, purifies the sinner, and transforms him into the character of God.

The 'image of Adam' is the carnal-minded man of sin who depends on self rather than God. Resurrection is walking in the image of Christ which is our true identity of the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit. Reckoning our old image, old nature, first Adam has been put to death and we are a new creature in Christ Jesus!!! 2 Cor. 5:17 (NAS); Rom. 6:6 (AMP).

Christ in you, the hope of glory, is your true identity (Col. 1:27 NAS). In Christ, we are made in His image and likeness, to manifest His character and nature.

1 Corinthians 15:49 - Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, (Adam carnal nature) we shall also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven. (Christ nature)

Romans 5:14 - Adam was a type of the One Who was to come [in reverse, the former destructive, the Latter saving].

Adam was a type (pattern, example, form, copy) of the One Who was to come. The former (first Adam) the carnal nature, produces destruction, destroys life, and blinds us from the truth of who we really are. This carnal thinking keeps us in a realm that is unable to produce the blessings that God intended for His children. The latter (last Adam), Christ, the life-giving Spirit saves and resurrects us into our true identity.

The first Adam was a living being, an individual personality. The last Adam, which is Christ, is the life-giving Spirit. We are to pattern ourselves after Christ and follow His example. He is the firstborn of many brethren.

Romans 8:29 - *For those whom He foreknew, He also destined from the beginning to be molded (conformed) into the image of His Son, that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.*

It can't get much clearer than this: those whom He destined from the beginning are to be molded (conformed) into His image and likeness, according to the pattern (type) of Himself as the firstborn Seed. Christ with and among His brethren.

We have been begotten of the same seed as Christ. The Word says that Christ was begotten of the Father and we have been begotten of Christ!

We have been born of the same seed (1 John 5:1, 1 Pet 1:23 Amp). Satan's purpose is to blind us so we do not find out our true identity and recognize what we possess in Christ.

Which Adam are you living after? The first Adam is the man of **dust**. This is the realm of the earthy, carnal mind. The last Adam (Christ) is our pattern, our example. The first Adam was after the physical and the last Adam is after the Spirit.

John 3:6 - *What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 15:48-49 - *Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded). (49) And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.*

Who rules in your life? Your flesh? Your emotions, feelings, desires or intellect? Or does God's Spirit rule and govern you?

Galatians 4:22-24 - *For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid and one by the **free woman**. (23) But whereas the child of the **slave woman** was born **according to the flesh** and had an ordinary birth, the son of the **free woman** was born in **fulfillment of the promise**. (24) Now all this is an allegory; these [two women] represent two covenants.*

The two sons, one of the bond woman and one of the free woman, represent two covenants - bondage and freedom. The first Adam represents the carnal nature of man and produces slavery, bondage and death - symbolic of Hagar who birthed

Ishmael. The last Adam – the life giving Spirit – is the fulfillment of promise, the author of freedom and the dispenser of the new covenant that produces life – symbolic of Sarah, the free woman who birthed Isaac.

Galatians 4:31 - *So, brethren, we [who are born again] are not children of a slave woman [the natural], but of the free [the supernatural].*

For too long we have identified with lack and failure, (the flesh, carnal nature, earthly minded, the first Adam) and not the last Adam (a life giving Spirit). Through trials and tribulations we see what we are depending on and trusting in. We find out very quickly that we do not have the ability to control or dictate our lives. That is why we must understand the transition from the first Adam to the Last Adam, from Jacob to Israel. Jacob was created, but Israel was formed.

Gal.4:19Amp. My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs **until Christ** is completely and **permanently formed** (molded) **within you**.

Romans 12:2 says “Be not conformed to this **world** (see Satan Chapt.) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”. Where is the problem? Yes, the mind! When I came into the understanding of the first Adam, the soulish realm of my emotions, feelings, senses, and intellect, I realized I had been trying to fix my old nature. The harder I tried the worst it got, because I was living according to the law of sin consciousness instead of the law of grace and the finished work of Christ. Then the Lord opened my understanding. He showed me what He completed and accomplished on the cross, I am complete in Him and I began my real transformation! I pray it will be so with you. For we must no longer live according to the dictates of our flesh but according to the Spirit. My soul, desires, feelings and emotions, intellect must be submitted to and in agreement with the Word. This is precisely why Christ died: so that we would no longer be controlled by or dependent upon self but living by and according to the Last Adam, the Christ life giving Spirit. He overcame the flesh that we would have direct access and Oneness in Him by and through His Spirit.

All men in the first Adam are related by a natural blood line. Those born of the last Adam (Christ), who is the Lord of heaven, are related by His life-giving Spirit.

CHRIST IN US

To have been born from above (heavenly, spirit realm) is not a future hope, it is a present reality. Christ in you is the hope of glory! Jesus ascended far above all principalities and powers and might and dominion and every name that is named. Praise God! Because He sent His Son to die on Calvary for us, we do not have to live in the lower dimension of the law of the flesh; we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Now we have total access back into the very presence of God. Christ Jesus has delivered us from the law of sin and death and invites us to walk in His marvelous light, His Spirit and His Life (Rom. 8:2).

In Christ we are no longer living a life of duality and mixture, governed by our physical realm and catering to our carnal nature. What the Word (Seed, Jesus) says we are now rules and has dominion and preeminence in us. Christ now lives in us as we live and move and have our being in Him! This hope of glory is a confident expectation of living and moving in His character and nature. We can then fulfill our purpose - to be dispensers of His NEW covenant! (2 Cor. 3:6 amp) We become the dispensers of the New Covenant of the Bread and the Blood, the Word and the Spirit! Three bear witness: the blood, the water and the spirit (1 John 5:8). When He died we died; when He was buried we were buried; when He arose we arose to a new life.

Romans 6:4-5 - *Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.* NASU

Jesus Christ shed His blood for our salvation—completeness in Him, spirit, soul and body.

John 3:5 - *Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God.*
AMP

When we are baptized in water - we are declaring that our flesh no longer rules us, reckoning the carnal nature, the first Adam died. We are now living the life of the New Creation Man in the Last Adam, Christ the life giving Spirit.

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit it is a foretaste of His promise for His fullness to overtake us until we are completely enveloped in God's character and nature. The Holy Spirit is the earnestness; the foretaste of things to come that will reveal our adoption as God's manifested Sons. (Romans 8:23 Amp) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages (tongues) as the Spirit gave them the expression (language). (Acts 2:4 Amp) The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the earnest beginning of being completely submerged in Christ Jesus, that we are enveloped in and with the seven spirits of the Spirit of God. (Isaiah 11:2).

As we are clothed with Christ, understanding who He is in us, (Christ in me the hope of glory – Col. 1:26-27), we will arise in His fullness and character to manifest Him!

2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature old things have passed away and all things become new."

All creation has been groaning, in travail for God's dominion and authority to cover the earth with the knowledge of His glory. How is the knowledge of His glory going to cover the earth? This will happen through a people who are adorned and enveloped with the Christ, life giving Spirit manifesting His character and nature in the earth!

John 17:22 - I have given them the glory that they may be one as we are one.

The Lord is raising up a people today who will subdue and have dominion in the earth. In Daniel 12:1-3 it says, "at that time Michael shall arise, the great prince who defends and has charge of your people". Michael means WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD!!! There is an army of overcomers in the earth WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD that shall arise to bring deliverance to those who are asleep in the **dust** (1st Adam, physical carnal nature) of the earth and many shall awake. And it says that those who are wise shall turn many to righteousness and shall give forth light!! These overcomers are no longer controlled by their flesh, but by the life giving Spirit; the Christ within them now rules and reigns and Satan is under their feet. They have recognized that Satan's power and influence were destroyed at the cross. These people are no longer controlled by the physical-carnal realm, but instead by the Spirit. This was God's intention from the beginning: for man to live in the heavens, (Spirit realm, Life of God) and manifest His dominion and character on the earth.

Through His Spirit we have been regenerated, born again of the incorruptible seed. The Word says we sit with Him in the heavenly sphere which is the Spirit realm above the world, above our carnal nature, and above principalities and powers (Eph. 2:6; Eph. 1:20-23). When you sit, you are resting in His finished work and have ceased from your labor.

Hebrews 2:10b - *For Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.*

Bringing many sons into the very character and nature of the Christ within doesn't happen overnight. Through trials, tribulations and suffering we come into maturity (Col. 1:28, Acts 14:22). This process of growing in Him helps us to recognize our desires and motives and compare them to the true character of Christ. When we are tested we see what spirit rules us: self or God's Spirit. The Word says that we will prosper as our soul prospers. Your soulish realm, fleshly, carnal nature deals with the external realm. (3 John 2) As our soul, emotions, feelings and intellect are subjected and submitted to the Word; we are developed in Christ and grow up in the headship of Christ. (Eph. 4:15 Amp). The Word does not say we are going to get the mind of Christ, it says we **have** the mind of Christ!! (1 Cor. 2:16)

In Galatians 4:19 Paul was speaking and said, "My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) within you". What is the purpose of Christ being formed completely and permanently within us? God's purpose is to have a people who will be dispensers of the New Covenant of the Living Word and Spirit. Mankind has just become side tracked, deceived and blinded from God's original plan. Praise God, people of God are hearing truth and recognizing that we have been asleep in the dust realm of the first Adam, not appropriating and living in our true identity of the Christ within.

God has a people who are shaking off the dust, the carnal nature, and rising into the very image and likeness of God that He intended for mankind from the beginning. Man is rising up in the last Adam, Christ, the life-giving Spirit, and identifying with the true nature of the incorruptible seed.

One of the greatest lessons I learned came when I was first invited to minister to some of the officials of the government of Ukraine. The Lord spoke to me and it made such an impact in my life. He said, "Do not submit to their environment but

dictate My atmosphere". Twelve officials gave their heart to Jesus Christ that day because I chose to submit to the authority of the Kingdom of God that superseded all the powers and principalities and all fear of the hierarchy of man. That day the kingdom of darkness submitted to the kingdom of God and God transformed them by His Word and changed their atmosphere. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!

Atmosphere means air or climate in a specific place, a dominant intellectual or emotional environment or attitude, surrounding, influence.

According to our likeness in Him, according to our identification in Him, according to our influence in Him we have dominion and authority!

1 Corinthians 15:47-48 - The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] the Lord from out of heaven.

(48) Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded).

We either operate in the carnal, earthly-minded dust realm of the first Adam, or we operate out of the true nature of our inheritance in the incorruptible seed. By His seed which is the Word, we are born again, regenerated in order that we might express in our bodies the Last Adam which is Christ, the life giving Spirit.

A CHALLENGE

In **Isaiah 52:1-3** GOD is saying to **shake yourself from the dust!**

Shake yourself from your carnal nature, the soulish realm of your emotions, feelings, desires and will. Instead, manifest the character and nature of Christ your true identity!

Arise, O captive daughter of Zion! Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck. Arise in Christ's nature! So now we have more clarity on this scripture. God is saying arise, shake, overthrow, flee, depart, throw away, drive off and **loose yourself from the dust**, (carnality, flesh nature, soulish realm, emotions and feelings) that is controlling you. Christ is our inheritance! He is everything you need! It is in Him, not in religion, not in ministry, not in talents and gifts, not in doing, but **being** in Him. (2 Cor. 5:17 Amp). Christ in you the hope of glory. Col.1:27 Christ in you

the hope of His manifested presence. Christ took our sin so that through his death the veil of flesh, carnality and the law were destroyed. He triumphed over sin, death, hell and the grave so that they have no more power over us.

Ephesians 2:14 - For **He is [Himself] our peace** (our bond of unity and harmony). **He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body], and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us.**

Jesus was our forerunner who entered beyond the veil into the very presence of God for us, (**Heb 6:19-20**) so that we would have access back into the original state that He purposed for man in the beginning. Let us also bear the image of heaven - the Spirit realm - the realm that produces life and resurrection power!

Romans 8:1 - Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.

There is now no condemnation for those who walk according to the Spirit.

It is our own carnal mind that condemns us, because we are evaluating ourselves according to the system and rituals of the world, and we have not lined up and identified with who the Lord says we are. Through the authority of the Word and the victory of the cross by the shed blood of Calvary, Christ triumphed over death, hell and the grave. As we appropriate the Word and stand in the accomplishment of Christ's finished work, we understand that we are complete in Him. We can now rise up in Him and His fullness, being enveloped by His Spirit. He will cause us to grow into all things in Him.

Hebrews 4:3b -... **He said although (His) works had been completed and prepared and waiting for all who would believe from the foundation of the world.**

He has completed and prepared us, He is waiting for us to believe!

Galatians 4:6 - **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts!**

John 3:34 (Amp). For since He Whom God has sent speaks the Words of God, God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit.

The Spirit without measure - the complete fullness - rested upon Jesus. He is our pattern! He was our forerunner and He went beyond the veil into the Holy of

Holies. Christ is a High priest after the order of Melchizedek, an order after Spirit. A High Priest has to have a priesthood! Heb. 6:19-20

This priesthood is a people who are no longer controlled by the carnal, Adamic nature. They are not swayed by their soul or by reasoning, intellect, feelings and emotions. They believe what the Word says they are. In Him all things are possible because Christ lives within us.

We are becoming dispensers of the New Covenant - the Living Word and the Spirit! God never told us to build His Church. He said He would build the church and He told us to make disciples of all nations. We are that habitation - a dwelling place to reproduce His seed in the earth. Just as Christ, who is our pattern and example did for us, we are to be an example for others. Christ died to multiply His Seed in the earth. Yes, we are the offspring of His character and nature in the earth. We are made in His image and likeness! The disposition of our mind and heart is coming into agreement with who He is. The WORD is overcoming flesh!

Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Serpent

Genesis 3:14 - *And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above every beast of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. NKJV*

God used the serpent to reveal that which lay dormant, undiscovered and uncultivated within man's innermost being. These areas include man's carnality, his ego, his self-righteousness and his independent nature.

Satan, who is the Serpent, fulfills his purpose, his nature and desire in and through the activities of the carnal man. Satan's arena of activity is earth, the earthy Adam and his purpose is to stop man from receiving the true identity that God purposed for him from the foundation of the world. Satan knows that he has no more power or influence if man finds his true identity and authority in Christ, the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit. This is God's heart and it is precisely why He sent His Son. The Lord wants to restore dominion to its rightful owners so that Satan will be crushed under YOUR feet! (Rom. 16:20)

Adam was formed of the dust of the earth and bore the image of the earthy, which is the carnal nature, the physical realm. But because Adam and Eve yielded to a lower realm, the law of the flesh instead of the Spirit of God, they opened the door to sin and death. God restricted Satan to the first Adam that is the **dust realm**, the carnal nature of mankind which is the soulish realm of emotions, feelings, seeing, hearing, intellect and reasoning.

However, God's Spirit supersedes the natural-physical realm of the world. That is why God sent His Son the Last Adam to over throw sin and give man back access

to the Tree of Life, Christ in you, is the hope of glory. He is the incorruptible SEED which is the Word.

Genesis 3:1 – *Now the serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made.* And he [Satan] said to the woman, *Can it really be that God has said, you shall not eat from every tree of the garden?*

Here we can see that the Serpent was a creature of the field. Let's get a better understanding of the field and how it differs from the garden or the environment of God. 'Field' is from the Hebrew word SADEH indicating *that which is unenclosed: woodland, desert, spread out, flat land, wild farm land or wilderness.*

The field speaks of the domain where Satan lives and is most effective. This is in the mind of humanity, also known as the first Adam, the man of dust. Man's carnal nature is comprised of the uncultivated, unprotected, undisciplined, unbridled, unattended, unplowed, unprocessed, broken areas where the serpent whispers out of the dust and out of our fleshly nature.

Satan's subtle voice whispers in the wilderness and unattended areas of our mind. These whispers and hisses are communicated through the thoughts, desires, reasoning, plans, passions and cravings of our fleshly carnal mind.

The first Adam was made of the dust (1 Cor. 15:47). When the Lord God told the serpent that he would **eat dust**, God was saying that this was the only realm in which the serpent was allowed to function. Moving "upon his belly" limits Satan's activity. Now he can only crawl and creep along in the lower dust realm. **Satan is confined to the low, earthy, carnal expression of the man of dust.** He operates out of man's soulish realm through thoughts and mindsets that are against the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 15:48-49 Now *those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is (the Man) from heaven, so also (are those) who are of heaven (heavenly minded).* (49) And just as *we have borne the image (of the man) of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven.*

Through our mind we give the adversary access. The way a man thinks so he is (Pro.23:7). The Word says we are alienated from God in the hostile attitude of our

mind (Col. 1:21). Through the earthly minded man of the dust, Satan has an open door to slither into the lowest realms of our mind. In the soulish realm he has access to man's thoughts, ideas, emotions and desires. He can also use the seductive appetites of the world and its corrupt influences to entice the flesh.

Many people think of **Satan** as part of the ancient myth which portrays a snake wrapped around a tree in the Garden of Eden.

Satan's name in Strong's Concordance #(5175) means hiss, whisper, a (magic) spell, to prognosticate,(forecast, predict, guess) enchanter, learn by experience, incantation (a formula used in recitation, chanting rituals, spells) or augury.

The Hebrew word translated '**Serpent**' is NACHASH. This word is translated *hissing, whisperer, shining enchanter,(sorcerer or magician) one who practices divination, observe signs, practice fortune telling, take as an omen, whispering of soothsayers,(foretell events or predict future) image (of serpent) mental picture not real or present reproduction of an object, opinion or concept.*

Another name for **Satan is the devil**. Here is a key that reveals how he deceives. In the Greek New Testament the word **Devil** is Diabollo, a compound of two words – DIA and BOLLO. **DIA** means *through, channel of an act* and **BOLLO** means *to throw over or across, to send over, to traduce, slander, accuse falsely, defame, opposing the cause of God.*

The **Devil** is a channel, a messenger who whispers, slanders, accuses and defames. Strong's Analytical Concordance has explained the compound word **DIABOLLO** as *a traducer* which means *to willfully misrepresent or to defame*. Satan is a maligner, a slanderer, a backbiter, a counterfeit and a substitute! The devil is a channel through which one order of reasoning is transferred to another order of reasoning. He translates truth into delusion. When the traducer, the devil, the translator, the interpreter, sits enthroned in the mind of man, his primary job is to *transfer or translate* knowledge to deception!

LOST IDENTITY

The word says in Genesis 3:13 that the serpent 'beguiled' Eve. The Hebrew word 'beguiled' means she was deceived, outwitted, and she came short of the glory of God. The serpent deceived Eve and cheated her out of her inheritance through *subtlety*.

They were cheated out and deceived of the Law of the Spirit of Life. That Law superseded all other Laws, for the Law of the Spirit was the highest order of the earth. It was God's order that He gave to mankind, who were made in His image and likeness to be complete and fulfilled in all things.

The garden of God, the environment of God, was the place where heaven (Spirit) and earth (physical) met together in the very person of Adam. It is man living in the presence of God, walking in the mind of God and clothed with the glory of the incorruptible seed. The garden was a realm where there was no separation from God. Adam and Eve lived in the Spirit realm and manifested a life of Oneness with God in the earth. They walked in the Spirit of the day. What spirit are you walking in?

Adam and Eve lost the God life when they yielded to their carnal nature. Man has been operating in this fallen state ever since, not realizing his true identity. (Rom. 1:21-25) What separates man from the animals, the fish of the sea or the birds of the air? The very breath and nature of God. God put within man His Spirit life, the Law of the Spirit that was intended to rule man.

It is not God who chose separation from man. He loves His creation. That is why He sent His Son to restore man back into His presence to have dominion and authority in Him. He set up an established order, and if man will follow the pattern of the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit, he will reap the blessings.

Colossians 1:26-27 (Amp) says, The **MYSTERY** of which was hidden for ages and generations, but is now revealed to His holy people. **(27)** To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this **MYSTERY, WHICH IS CHRIST WITHIN AND AMONG US, THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

Man's doctrines have often postponed a full relationship with God into the future. This belief separates mankind from God when it says that man cannot have a real access or oneness with God until after we die. This is so far from the truth of what the scriptures say. Instead, we have listened to man's interpretations, thoughts and opinions when we should have been searching and pursuing truth for ourselves to know Him in the power of His resurrection. We have not known our true identity and inheritance which God has established for His people who are called by His name.

A TRUTH OR THE TRUTH

Genesis 3:5 (Amp.) - *For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity.*

That was a truth — and “you will be like God” was also a truth, for after Adam and Eve ate, the Lord God Himself confirmed the serpent's statement as being a truth (Gen. 3:5, 3:22 Amp).

When you eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil your eyes will be open to that dimension. Whatever you submit to and give place to, in your life is the law or dimension that governs you.

In *form*, then, (the outward appearance) the serpent had a truth.

2 Timothy 3:5 - *Having a form of godliness but denying its power.*

This is the power of the deception of form - it has an external façade or appearance but no internal truth for transformation. What the serpent did not reveal was the *reality* of the *form*, which is that independent of God, man can never be a partaker of the divine nature! Adam was deceived by this form of truth and was separated from the blessing and environment that God had created for him.

Form means the outward appearance, of a ceremony, formula or proven ability to perform, a procedure as determined and governed by regulation or customs.

Hosea 4:6 - *Because of lack knowledge we are in captivity.*

We have not understood our true identity. Therefore we have been living in lack. This is why thousands can attend church on Sunday and never change. Satan knows that as long as you live in a form (going through the motions) you will never receive your true authority and be detrimental to his kingdom.

TEMPTATION

2 Corinthians 3:6 - *It is He who has qualified us as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant, not of the letter of the law, but of the Spirit, for the law of the flesh kills, but the Spirit makes alive.*

As we come into agreement with Christ, the life giving Spirit, we become qualified as dispensers of the New Covenant. The letter of the law, the law of erroneous

legalistic doctrines of man's theology and opinions, nullifies and voids the power of the Word of God. When Satan deals with chosen ones of God, he tempts them on the level where they live. Satan takes the Word of God and perverts and twists what is pure so that man receives it as a doctrine rather than revelation, as form rather than life. Satan misrepresents through a legalistic and erroneous understanding of the Word – the letter that kills. The traditions and legalism of the letter of the Word have no power or life.

Romans 7:5 - *When we were living in the flesh, the sinful passions that were awakened and aroused up by the Law (of the flesh) were constantly operating in our natural powers in the sensitive appetites and will of the flesh so that we bore fruit for death.* Amp

Romans 8:7-8 - *Because of the mind of the flesh (with its carnal thoughts and purposes) is hostile to God for it does not submit itself to God's law indeed it cannot. (8) So then those who are living the life of the flesh (catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature) cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.* Amp

The carnal mind cannot receive the things of God, for they are *spiritually* discerned. There is nothing about the carnal mind which desires the things of God, for that mind is at enmity against God (1 Cor. 2:14).

James 1:14-15 – *But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions).*

We may blame Satan, but the truth of the matter is he only has access through man's own desires and lusts. Like the Word says in Mark 7:15-21 that the things that defile a man are not from without but from within. Man's desires and lust open the door to Satan the adversary. That is why Adam fell, because the desire was in him and he came into agreement, submitted to his soul (Eve) and partook of the fruit (result or consequence of action, satisfy their fleshly appetite) of that desire and did eat and they were expelled from their heavenly domain of the Spirit. We are to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Adam (spirit) should have risen up and said NO to Eve (soul) but they had already come into agreement and thus partook of their own appetite (fruit of desire) and you know the rest of the story. This is why the Word says, in 2 Cor. 10:5 to cast down every imagination, speculation, temptation that exalts itself against the Living God.

There are three things in this world that we are tempted by: the **lust** (desire, to set the heart upon, long for, covet, passion) **of the flesh** (sensuous nature of man, animal nature, passions of external realm-physical realm, our appetites), the **lust of the eyes** (to look upon, gaze, envy, jealousy, covet, faculty of knowing), and the **pride of life** (self-confidence, boasting, empty, trust in our own power and resources that violates divine laws and human rights, presumptuous, trusts in the stability of earthy things, ambition) (1 John 2:16). It was with these three things that Adam and Eve were tempted. The temptation was not from without but from within (Mark 7:15-21). According to the Word of God we don't even *know ourselves*. We ourselves are most deceived by our *own hearts*! Only God knows our hearts. Jeremiah said the heart is deceitful above all things (Jer.17:9).

Man continues to be self-dependent rather than to trust in and rely on God. We continue to blame everyone and everything else, especially Satan, instead of taking full responsibility for our own actions. I have people call me and say "Satan is doing this, and Satan is doing that". I confess, I used to do the same thing until I really studied the Word and found out what it said for myself. Satan gets much more credit than he deserves! We are in captivity because we do not know what the Word says. Please don't misunderstand me; he is our adversary and the accuser of the brethren. But Satan only has access through the open door of our desires: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh or the pride of life. James 1:14 says, we are drawn away and enticed by our own desires.

The Bible says, *Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world* (1 John 4:4). Is He? This is the real issue that determines our victory or defeat! When we truly believe in the power of the resurrected Christ within, we will manifest the victory of the cross. We will overcome by the Word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb.

We must understand that a hardened heart comes from rebellion, self-will, self-desires and wanting it our way. One of the greatest lessons God taught me was that if I am willing to be wrong, and have a broken spirit and a contrite repentant heart, He can teach me anything.

Psalm 51: - My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, such, O God, You will not despise.

Broken means – *sorrow for sin, humble and thoroughly penitent, broken to pieces, crushed. Broken until no longer do I live, but the Christ now lives in me.*

SATAN'S TRUE LOCATION

There are those who say that there is something outside of man that can enter into him and defile him. Like the old saying, “The devil made me do it”. The only problem with blaming the devil is that he doesn’t have access unless there is an open door of agreement or a pre-existing desire that is in our heart. The Bible says that the things that defile a man are not from without; they are from within (Mark 7:15-23).

We have labeled this outside intruder Satan, and so he is!

We have called him Satan, an adversary, and so he is!

We have called him a murderer and a liar, and so he is!

We have recognized many things about him — but the one thing we have NOT known about him is his LOCATION.

We have said that he was without — Jesus said that he is within!

Mark 7:21 - For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness;(23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

All these things come **from within** that defile the man.

James 1:14 - But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). AMP

We can only be tempted by our own desires, which are the uncultivated, undisciplined areas of our heart. The first Adam is the carnal nature that only births flesh and satisfies the desires of the flesh. Once we know the Word, those excuses don’t work anymore. We must take full responsibility for our actions and walk in the fullness of Christ and as we do, GREATER is He (CHRIST) that is in me, than he (SATAN) that is in the world.

WITCHCRAFT

The word **SERPENT** in English comes from the Latin ‘servo’, meaning *to creep or to crawl*. The Hebrew word – NACHOS - means *to hiss or whisper*. It also means *to charm, to search or scrutinize closely, to find out by experiment and to practice divination, incantation or enchantment*.

An incantation is a formula, chanting or ritual recitation of spoken charms or spells used to produce a magical effect. The **SERPENT** is a hisser, a whisperer, an enchanter and a magician. **So is the carnal mind.**

1 Samuel 15:23 - For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, (divination) and insubordination (stubbornness) is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.

Rebellion is an act of defiance toward an authority and resistance to a constituted government; bitter, to resist, disobey, rebel or provoke.

Witchcraft is divination, magic, sorcery, an irresistible influence, and supernatural powers over others through evil spirits.

Stubbornness is insubordination, being unreasonable, unyielding, bullheaded, determined, obstinate, refusing to repent, controlling and opinionated.

Iniquity is gross immorality, injustice, wickedness, darkness and absent of light.

Idolatry is worship of any cult, image, idea or object that is exalted above the One true God. It is excessive devotion to something or someone.

Divination in Latin means to foresee, it is the attempt to give insight into a situation by a process or ritual of man using religious context, also by using all kinds of superstitions based on reason or knowledge, but is a counterfeit substitution of the true revelation of God that draws attention to and exalts man.

Sorcery the belief in magical spells that harness occult forces or evil spirits to produce unnatural effects in the world.

Fantasy means the creative imagination, unrestrained fancy, an imagined event or sequence of mental images, such as a daydream, usually fulfilling a wish or psychological need, to imagine; visualize, a creation of the imagination, an illusion, hallucination, or phantom.

Anything that takes the place of God is an idol. Whatever occupies your mind and heart more than God is what and who you worship. For some people it may be their business, money, power, image, ministry, spouse or children.

Isaiah 8:19 - *And when the people [instead of putting their trust in God] shall say to you, “Consult for direction mediums and wizards who chirp and mutter...*

We say, “We don’t go to mediums or wizards”. No, but we put our trust in everything and everyone else except God. We discuss our problems with everyone *but* God, who is the author and finisher of our faith. I truly believe God wants us to come to Him first. He shouldn’t be our last resort. When we don’t get the answer we want and nothing else works, then God?

What did Abraham do when God told him he would be a father to the nations? Years went by and nothing happened. Instead of seeking and trusting God and waiting for the son of promise, Abraham got impatient. You know the rest of the story. Abraham slept with Hagar, Sarah’s maid and birthed Ishmael, who was born according to the flesh. When we depend on anyone or anything as our source instead of God, we are submitting to the law of the flesh. Thus we reap the consequences giving Satan access to whisper and mutter all kinds of suggestions. These temptations arise out of our own desires and environment, not God’s Spirit. Then we birth Ishmael and blame it on Satan.

Isaiah 29:4 Amp.- *And you shall be laid low [Jerusalem], speaking from beneath the ground, and your speech shall come humbly from the dust. And your voice shall be like that of a ghost coming from the earth, and your speech shall whisper and squeak as it chatters from the dust.*

Here we read of spirits that “chirp and mutter”, that “speak out of the ground” and “whisper out of the dust.” Does this not sound like the **Serpent** in Eden, the hisser and the whisperer, calling to Eve, speaking and subtly tempting from the **dust realm**? A subtle suggestion, a whispered temptation, a thought, a desire. These whispers **arise from the dust of the carnal mind**, out of the ground of the first Adam-the earthy, soulish realm. Adam and Eve became conscious of good and evil and their eyes were opened. Instead of living in God’s rest they submitted to a lower realm, the law of the flesh. They were then governed by their self-consciousness, pride, rebellion and their own desires.

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

2 Corinthians 4:4 (Amp) - For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers minds (that they should not discern truth) preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image and likeness of God.

Blinded who? **The unbeliever's mind!** Satan is the god of the world to the unbeliever! If you are a believer Satan should be under your feet!! (Romans 16:20)

The Word says to stand still and see the salvation of your God. Stand in the authority of the Word of God. Christ has triumphed over every principality and power, defeated every foe and arose victorious through His shed blood on Calvary. We are called to stand in His finished work of the cross!!

He said, it is FINISHED!! You are complete in HIM!

Satan is the god of the world, to a system that originates in humanistic ideologies of man and is birthed from the desires of man. The 'world' is an order, system or arrangement of things: It involves ways of life such as social customs, philosophies, ideologies, religions, and economics which are all products of the carnal mind and are all birthed by man.

1 John 5:19 - The whole world lies in wickedness. The Amplified Bible says: *The whole world around us is under the power of the wicked one.*

John 17:15-17 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.(16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world (17) **Sanctify them by YOUR TRUTH. Your Word is Truth.**

Ephesians 2:1-2 - *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins (2) in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.(3) Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh indulging the desire of the flesh and of the mind.*

In our soulish realm there are dominant spirits of self-will, impulses of evil, anger, hostility, bitterness, unforgiveness, hurts, pride, fear etc. which make unlawful entrance into our lives. In our physical body we have the fleshly appetites, desires

and carnal passions. And there are religious spirits of tradition, sectarianism, and doctrines of men that segregate and divide which are not of God.

POSSESSING OUR POSSESSION

We have not lived in the inheritance and fullness that God intended for us. Praise God He has a people who are hungry. They have awakened out of their slumber and have been apprehended by the living God. These people are pursuing truth and are being transformed from glory to glory. (2 Cor. 3:18) They are now possessing their true inheritance and the promises of God.

John clearly identifies two different spirits: that which is in the people of God and that in the people of the world.

1 John 4:6 (Amp) - *We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the SPIRIT OF TRUTH and the SPIRIT OF ERROR.*

Paul adds to this his testimony: *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God* (1 Cor. 2:12).

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth.

The spirit of Error is the spirit of the world, the spirit of disobedience, the spirit of darkness, ignorance, error, sin and the spirit of evil. These are all symbolic of Satan, the devil, the serpent, leviathan and the dragon.

2 Corinthians 4:4 - For the **god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds** (that they should not discern truth) preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image and likeness of God. (Amp)

Eph.6:12 - **We wrestle not against flesh and blood,** but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers **of the darkness of this world,** against the **spiritual wickedness in high places.**

In other words we wrestle the conflicts within that we have not been set free from. These conflicts that we wrestle are areas that we must die to. No longer do I live, but the Christ, the Word, now lives in me. Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a

new creature all things have passed away and all things become new. (2 Cor.5:17)
When I am in Him HE is GREATER!

Greater is He in me than he that is in the world! The Christ in you is greater, The WORD in you is greater! We overcome by the WORD of our testimony and the blood of Lamb!

Our battle is not with Satan. He was defeated at the cross. Our battle is what we believe. The way a man thinks so he is (Pro. 23:7). The battle is in the mind. We are alienated from God in the hostility of our mind (Col. 1:21). The Word does not say fight the devil, it says **cast down all imaginations AND everything thing that exalts itself against GOD!!!**

For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. **Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (2 Cor. 10:4)**

The Word says we have the mind of Christ. This is the Word, the Father's thoughts, will and purpose, everything He is. The Word says, As He is so are we in the earth today! (1 John 4:17) Are we? He is the beginning and the end; He is Alpha and Omega and everything in between! Have we not yet discovered the human mind is in a state of total contradiction? I did not say the mind of Christ, I said the humanistic carnal mind. We cannot depend on our reasoning facilities to deliver truth.

Reasoning includes logic, explaining, making excuses and the mental process of looking at situations. The Word of God is yes and amen. The Word interprets Himself. We prove the Word with the Word!

It is not a coincidence that Jesus Christ was crucified at Golgotha which means the place of the skull. In some translations Golgotha refers to the location of the skull of Adam. Very interesting! Have we not been studying that the place of our death, the place of our separation from our God is in our mind? We must lose our head and grow up in HIS Head (Eph.4:15). Our main enemy is the way we think. Is it according to the flesh or according to the Spirit of God? The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is rooted in a deep inner consciousness of the law of flesh. It is conditioned by external influences of the world, by what it has been taught, and

judges right and wrong by the standard that we have learned. The Word says that if we believe we will see the glory of God. The real issue is what we believe. To know God is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth. So we must know the Word. Not just to know of Him, but to know Him in the power of His resurrection! In Him we live and move and have our being!

Greater is the dominion and authority of Christ in you than what is operating and controlling those things in the world around you. When we are *in* Him we are above all dimensions of the world and those principalities and powers that would exalt themselves against the Living God. We find that there have been many attitudes and characteristics that have ruled within us that did not represent Him or glorify Him. As His kingdom (King's authority and dominion) takes its rightful place in our lives, all powers, influences and desires are overcome. Christ is the mediator between man and God. He is our total, complete sacrifice and in Christ we have dominion and authority over all things. We must press on to the prize of the high call and seek God! He will lead us into all truth and set us free.

Satan has no power at all when SELF is gone. When Self is crucified with Christ, the lust of the flesh is destroyed, the lust of the eyes is dead, and the pride of life is nailed to the cross. No longer can Satan tempt us because we have become one with the Living Word. The man of dust exists no more and from now on we can say: IT IS NOT I THAT LIVES, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME! (Gal.2:20)

Garden

The Garden of God was the place where heaven and earth met together in the very person of Adam. It is man living in the presence of God, walking in the mind of God and clothed with the glory of the incorruptible life of God. The Garden of God involves man living above sin, sickness, fear, pain, sorrow and death. In the garden we see man made in the image and likeness of God and having dominion over all things. Spiritually speaking, it is a state of being in Christ!

The Garden was a realm where there was no separation from God. It was a realm where man was in complete union with God and man could walk and talk with God. It was the dimension of the spirit *and* body, heaven *and* earth, visible *and* invisible, celestial *and* terrestrial, in harmony as one. John 14:20 Amp.

It was not merely where man was, it was what he was. As He is so are we in the earth today! (1 John 4:17b Amp)

That is what God intended from the beginning and He has never changed His mind. He sent His Son to be the mediator between heaven and earth to restore man to his original state. However, this restoration will not be as the first Adam. Christ superseded the first and became the last Adam, the life giving Spirit. The Lord wants a born-again new creation man, regenerated by and through the Last Adam, Christ Jesus. God's purpose is that this new man walks in the fullness of Christ Jesus.

The Garden is who He is. He is Spirit and when we come into agreement with that environment which is the Word and the life of the Spirit, we will manifest Him. Gal 4:6 says, "God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." In the dictionary it says that a garden is a rich cultivated spot or tract, a delightful place.

So it is in Spirit. We become the habitation of the very nature and character of the Most High God, manifesting His presence. We become one with Him (John 17:21 Amp). It is no longer just a word that we have learned to quote but it is the reality of the manifestation of Who He is. We become a living example and expression of the Word because we are manifesting Him in our lives. As we are cultivated by the living Word of God and His Spirit, we become a rich, delightful habitation of the Most High God. This produces the blessings of God in our life! In this place we are living in the highest order or dimension in the earth. This dimension supersedes all other dimensions or authorities because it is totally governed by God. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world!

Revelation 2:7 - *He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes I will grant to eat of the **Tree of Life**, which is in the **paradise of God**, (also known as the garden (Gen 2:8-9), **environment of God, state of being in Him, which is the Spirit of God and also the mind of Christ**) (1 Cor. 2:16 Amp).*

If we will give heed to and follow the Spirit, we will be governed by God. Romans 8:14 says, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God.” This has been the Lord’s desire from the beginning. The Lord wants us to possess, eat, and devour the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Garden. Here is where we develop the mind of Christ which is the Father’s thoughts, purpose and will.

Genesis 2:8-9 – *And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **Tree of Life** was also in the midst of the garden, and the **Tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. (NKJV)*

We see that both the Tree of Life and the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil were in the center of the garden. Revelation 2:7 indicates that the **Tree of Life** was *in paradise*. So it is clear that **the garden** and **paradise** are the same place, the environment of God, the Spirit realm.

If the Tree of Life and the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil are in the center of the garden the real issue is: what tree are we partaking of both are in the center of our garden? This determines what fruit we bear. It is either the Spirit of Truth or the Spirit of error that distinguishes who we are serving, (1 John 4:6). Ephesians

1:3 tells us that we are blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm.

As we purpose in our heart and mind to dwell in Him we are being constantly transformed from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18). We have recognized our true identity in the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit. Because we no longer yield to the physical realm, the law of the flesh, we now live according to the Law of the Spirit, the Truth of the living Word that now dwells in us, which is Christ the hope of glory. He has given us total access through His death and resurrection to eat of the Tree of Life which is the mind of Christ. His Word and Spirit within us produce an environment in which we overcome the world, as we are in unity with Him. How is the world going to recognize that we are different? It will happen when His true church rises up and manifests His true nature to execute His authority as His sons and daughters with the knowledge of His glory.

Every day we choose to eat and partake of the Tree of Life or of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We eat of God's Tree of Life or the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil that produces death. Have you ever had a bad thought? Don't answer, it may incriminate you! Where did it come from? Through a window or door you opened. How did it get in there? It came in through your hearing gate (ears) or sight gate (eyes). We are receivers and dispensers of life or death, righteousness or unrighteousness, holiness or ungodliness. The choice is ours.

Hebrews 2:8 - ***You have put all in subjection under him (man).** He left nothing that is not put under him. But we do not yet see all things put under him (man).*

That says it all, doesn't it? All things have been given to man, but man has not yet seen, comprehended or understood what he (man) has access to!

Song of Solomon 4:15 – ***You are a fountain [springing up] in a garden,** a well of living waters, and flowing streams from Lebanon.*

Isaiah 58:11 – *And the Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy you in drought and in dry places and make strong your bones. And **YOU shall be like a watered garden** and like a spring of water whose waters fail not.*

We see in the scripture that He not only identifies us as a garden but also encourages us to be a fountain in that garden of His power and presence! He is the

living water and if we are a fountain in that garden, we are flowing in His living water, too! From **YOUR** innermost being shall flow rivers of living water! John 7:38 NAS

Song of Solomon 5:1 – *I have come into **my garden**, my sister, **my bride**; I have gathered my myrrh with my balsam and spice [from your sweet words I have gathered the richest perfumes and spices]... (Amp.)*

He calls us His garden and His bride! What does a bride do? She gets married! Oh yes, that is His purpose - that we become One with Him. We see in His Word He is the Garden and He calls us His garden.

This scripture confirms this statement in John 17:21, ***That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me*** (Amp)

THE ENVIRONMENT OF GOD

Revelation 2:7 - *He who is able to hear give heed to what the Spirit says; to him who overcomes I will grant to eat (possess) of the **Tree of Life** (Mind of Christ, His character), which is in the **paradise of God*** (Amp).

The dictionary tells us that an environment is the circumstance or the condition that surrounds a person. It is the combination of external physical conditions that affect and influence the growth, development and survival of an individual.

As we have learned paradise, the garden is the realm of the Spirit, all represent an environment or a state of being in Him. In Him we live and move and have our being!

As He is, so are we in the earth today (1 John 4:17b) Are we?

Have we been living in the full inheritance of all God intended for us? No, we haven't. But by the grace of God, the knowledge of His glory is filling the earth. It's time we started to live according to HIS purpose and character and have dominion as He intended from the beginning!

The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:4 that he was "caught up into paradise", caught up into the presence of the Lord in the Spirit realm.

When you're caught up in Him you will hear. What was the purpose of being caught up in Him for Paul or John? Was it not to reveal Truth to His people of

those who would pursue Him that the knowledge of His glory would fill the earth? Why? So that the very prayer Jesus taught His disciples would come to pass, "Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!" We must awake out of slumber, out of the dust realm, out of the law of flesh and realize our true identity and possess the promise land!!! Everything He is He has given to man, we are born of the same incorruptible seed and Christ calls us brethren. Romans 8:29 (Amp) The Father calls us Sons and daughters and we are heirs of the Father and joint heirs in Christ Jesus. Let's not forget what the Word says in Hebrew 2:8 (Amp) Everything has been given to man, subject unto man, but he (man) has not seen all things given to him yet!!! God has given us parables and examples in the natural realm to explain spiritual realities that we possess in Him. The Word says that the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14 (NKJ)

Paradise and the garden are types and patterns, examples of a spiritual environment describing an atmosphere of Him. The Bible says we sit with Him in the heavenly places (Spirit realm), and we also fight principalities in the heavenly realm which is the Spirit realm (Eph. 2:6, 6:12 Amp). Only in this environment of God do we have access to the ability (completing, perfecting, and accomplishing) to birth into existence His creative power in the earth.

Whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven, Matthew 18:18-19 (Amp).

Revelation 3:20 - *Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him and he (will eat) with Me. (21) He who overcomes, I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame and sat down beside My father on His throne (Amp).*

He who overcomes is the one who possesses the victory and prevails in Christ Jesus. In other words, those who come into agreement and believe what the Word says shall overcome all things!

The Word is God and all things were made and came into existence through Him (John 1:1-3).

Because we are in Him and agree with what He has already done, we come into agreement with His Word. This faith creates and brings forth life, and supersedes any other level or dominion in the earth.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 - *That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by. NASU*

Revelation 4:1 – *After this I looked, and behold, **a door standing open in heaven!** And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future (Amp).*

God is no respecter of persons. If He did it for John He will do it for us. The Bible is the inspired Word of God as a pattern and example for us to follow!

A door is open in heaven, come up here and I will show you!

Although John never physically left the Island of Patmos, Revelation 4:2 says that he came under the power of the Spirit. A people are being apprehended by the environment, that God created man to live in. Here they can walk and talk with God as their creator, Lord and friend. They are being caught up in the presence of the Lord to hear what He is saying and to bring it to the earth that it will manifest His glory. You are a trumpet, a voice of the Lord just like John the Baptist, who was summoned by the Spirit to prepare a way in the wilderness. God is summoning His bride, who is being adorned and enveloped by the Spirit of God, to prepare the way of the Lord saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it”. We are to live in the heavenly realm and to manifest God’s character. This produces His environment, which produces the light and life of Who He is!

There is a state of being in Christ where your soul becomes betrothed to One Husband, the Lord of all. (2 Cor. 11:2) Nothing should move us and nothing should control us but the very life and presence of the Almighty. For, He is King of kings and Lord of lords! When we are submitted to the Spirit, our soul and body will no longer control us and govern us. As the Spirit of God, the Tree of Life, the garden and the environment of God is established within us, we will live in the

heavenlies and manifest His character and nature in the earth. *“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”!*

In this state of being in Him, there is no separation between the heavens and the earth. Are we not the dwelling place, the abode of God, His sanctuary and the habitation of the Most High God in the earth? Doesn't Revelation 21:3 say, *“The abode of God is with men”*? Doesn't the word say we are the dwelling place, sanctuary and the temple of the Holy Spirit? (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19Amp.)

Proverbs 23:7 - A way a man thinks so he is. Don't misunderstand me. It is not just a thought; it is a lifestyle of total subjection to His Spirit. Believing the creative power of the Spirit and the Word produces His life within us.

We will have His power, dominion and authority ruling and reigning as His Royal Priesthood. We will stand in the fullness of Who He is and What He did on the cross. He overcame death, hell and the grave so that we can walk in full authority and dominion in Him in all things. It is a state of being in HIM – Christ in you the hope of glory! (Colossians 1:27)

The Lord's purpose is that the knowledge of His glory covers the earth. Why would He say it, if He didn't want it implemented? 'To have knowledge' of it means we have to be alive in order to receive it.

DOMINION OVER ALL THINGS

Genesis 1:28 - *God blessed them; and God said to them, " Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." NASU*

God has never changed His mind. That is why He sent His Son to restore man to his original state. God wants man to be fruitful and multiply His seed not man's.

Psalm 110:1 – *The Lord (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.*

Romans 16:20 - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. *The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. NASU*

As we sit (dwell, abide, inhabit and remain) at **His right hand** (the authority of the government of God) in total subjection to the Spirit realm, our enemies become a stool for our feet. (Heb. 1:13)

Matthew 25:34 - *Then the King will say to those at His right hand, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

A footstool implies complete subjection! When we sit (dwell, abide, remain) in His rest, in Him, and we are totally subject to Him, everything is subordinate to His authority, His dominion, His rule, and His power. Everything is under our feet! Our foundation is Him and Him alone!

Psalm 8:6 - *You made him (man) to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet (Amp.)*

In other words, the earth is entirely under the subjection of our Lord and Savior and He has given it to man. We just have not seen it or comprehended it yet.

Hebrews 2:8 - *For You have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man's] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man]. AMP*

His Word says He is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. This sounds like a perfected, mature church to me (Eph. 5:27, 2 Peter 3:14). God created the church to be a living expression of His character and nature. His desire is that the church be joined together harmoniously as it rises into a holy temple in the Lord, a sanctuary, a dwelling place of His presence. He wants us to grow up in Him. Why? So that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God. (Is. 60:2; Hab. 2:14; Ps. 57:5, 11; 72:19; 108:5) Where is that hope of the glory? Yes, in you! (Col. 1:27)

1 Peter 1:23 – ***You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God. AMP***

The Bible says that I have been regenerated of the incorruptible seed. Either it is true or it is not. I choose to believe I have been born of the incorruptible Seed and expect to manifest it. **That I may know Him in the power of His resurrection.** (Phil 3:10) Why would His Word declare this, if we could not obtain it? Please stop listening to doctrines of men and listen to the Word of the living God. The Anointed One, Christ Jesus will teach you all things. (2 John 2:27)

When we sit with Him in the heavenlies, we go beyond the natural realm, beyond the veil, into the Holy of Holies and the very presence of God. We have total access to the Lord. Nothing is stopping us except our lack of knowledge.

Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. *Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.* NASB

When He died, we died. Our old nature, the law of sin and death, was destroyed on the cross and we also arose out of death into His marvelous life. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus, old things have passed away and all things have become new. We have been completed and perfected in Him. Now we must believe and walk in our true identity.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! (Amp.)*

We become a new creation as we live by faith in what He has already done. He has completed us and prepared us and now we must believe and walk in it. Hebrews 4:3b (Amp.) We have overcome by the word of our testimony. *No longer do I live, but the Christ lives within me, Gal. 2:20 (Amp).*

2 Corinthians 12:4. *Was caught up into paradise, (garden, an environment of Spirit), and he heard utterances... (Amp)*

Every time we are caught up in Him, we see and hear and understand!

It is by faith we understand, not by sight. Our problem is not believing, the real issue is what we believe. We must believe the Word of God, for the Word is yes and amen. The Lord had to take me overseas out of my familiar to reveal truth to me. I learned that a lot of what I was taught was man's doctrines and traditions which brought no life. As I cried out for Truth to know Him in the power of His resurrection, He revealed how to live and walk according to His Word. The WORD WILL INTERPRET HIMSELF and He will always bring life and resurrection where He is! Christ in me is the hope of glory! If He is there He will manifest. James 1:18 (Amp) says, "He gave us birth (as Sons) by (His) Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures, (to be consecrated to Him)."

2 Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.

When we behold Him we are continually being transformed into His character and nature!

Joel 2: 3 - A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns, the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them.

God is a consuming fire. Because the Word is like fire shut up in our bones (Jeremiah 20:9), it burns everything that is not of God and brings life and light wherever it goes. It produces life to those who seek His face and it produces death to anyone who does not come into agreement with Him. (1 Peter 1:7 Amp.) Remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? They were so one with the Lord that the physical fire did not touch them. The fire of God was greater within them than the physical fire. That is why the natural fire couldn't touch them.

THIS IS WHAT MAN LOST IN THE FALL, IN THE GARDEN

1. Spiritual, physical and eternal life – Isaiah 59:2; Rom. 5:12, 21
2. Communion with God – Isaiah 59:2
3. His full dominion over all things – Psalm 8:6
4. Freedom from Satan – 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-18
5. Mind of God – 1 Cor.2:16
6. Power and Authority – 2 Cor. 12:9
7. Perfection – John 17:13; James 1:17
8. Right to Tree of Life – Gen.3:24
9. Garden – home – environment of God – Gen. 3:23-24
10. God's glory – Rom. 3:23
11. Righteousness and true holiness – 1 Peter 2:24
12. Perfect health and power over death – Gen. 3:3; Rev. 21:1-7

All these things were restored in Jesus Christ as He exchanged His life for ours on the cross. He became our mediator and gave us access beyond the veil into the very

presence of the Lord. As we believe we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, our spirit is born again. We realize our true identity and now our soul and body are coming into total submission to the Spirit of the Lord and appropriating what He did on the cross. We have been born again of the same Seed. It is the incorruptible Seed of the life giving Spirit of the Last Adam Who now dwells in us. As we acknowledge that His death was our death and His burial was the burial of our old nature, (Rom 6:4-5) we overcome by the Word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:11).

Communion and dominion is restored! Satan is under our feet. We have the mind of Christ; we are perfected in Him and come into full maturity. We partake of the Tree of Life which is the very character and nature of God. We live and move and have our being in Him which is the environment, the garden and the very atmosphere of God. We live in divine health and peace because our heart is stayed on and in Him.

Do we believe what the Word says? God's whole purpose for His sons and daughters is that, as His true offspring, they reproduce after Him! He wants us to manifest His character and the nature of His abundant life. He gives freedom and liberty in the Spirit. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24). It is His original plan and it has not changed. God wants to be our provision, our protection and our pleasure!

Choose for yourselves this day who you will serve. (Joshua 24:15) Choose Life!
Choose Him!

Trees

Genesis 2:9 - *And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight or to be desired — good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the Tree of Life also in the center of the garden, and the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Amp.)*

In the garden that the Lord God planted there were all manner of trees that were good for food. Adam and Eve were to freely partake of all *except* the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They could eat of all of the trees of the garden except the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now, we know that eating a piece of fruit in itself was not the sin, but rather that the fruit was symbolic of a spiritual reality.

Genesis 2:17 - but from the **Tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” NASU

There was no death in all the other trees of the garden; death was only in the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil is also sometimes translated the **Tree of conscience**. Knowledge is what conscience is a knowing of good and evil, right or wrong. It is part of the psychological nature of one’s actions, **thoughts of perception and reasoning**. **Perception** is the process, act, and faculty of perceiving. It is also recognition and interpretation of sensory stimuli based chiefly on memory, knowledge gained by perceiving.

Reasoning is the mental process of looking for reasons for beliefs, actions or feelings. (Wikipedia Encyclopedia) As the Word says, our thoughts are not God’s thoughts; His ways are not our ways. The thoughts of men are separated from and in opposition to the existence of God. Our problem is duality. Our thoughts and perceptions depend on our self instead of the Word of God. This is what has

separated man from the beginning. The Word of God says we are alienated from God in the hostility of our mind (Col. 1:21).

Adam and Eve did not have a conscience before the fall. Within man there was no concept of good and evil. When Adam ate of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil, his soul began to rule his spirit and he began to think dualistically. Good and evil were separated into opposites, instead of two aspects of good which is Love and Justice. Justice would now be interpreted as the opposite of Love, instead of as a derivative of Love having an alternate application. As this dualism progressed in religious philosophy “hell” became hotter in the attempt to restrain the ever-increasing evil among men. Deterrence dominated justice. When well-meaning Christians fear the divine law as if it came from a God of vengeance they run from such a God and draw near to Jesus, the God of Love, not knowing that Jesus was the Law-giver (Jesus the Word) who appeared to Moses before His incarnate state.

This is error of thinking – that the divine law is to be feared as to impose torture upon sinners as a result of sin, instead of as righteous justice to correct and bring man into alignment with the true and living God. This dualistic philosophy leaves mankind always seeing and relating to heaven and hell, light and darkness, all coexisting at the same time with no thought for restoration or reconciliation. Such a mindset separates evil from good, but never reconciles creation, as the scriptures teach. When Paul says, in Colossians 1:16-20 that “the all” of creation is “the all” that was reconciled in Christ, this can only occur if divine justice is good. Justice is only good if it has a good purpose and is imposed in Love. Anything short of the reconciliation of all creation falls short of Paul’s expectation of God. All of God’s justice is to restore the divine order, rather than imposing mere torture on humanity, so that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Adam and Eve had the mind of their creator. They lived in completeness in Him and experienced no death or sickness. They could have lived forever if they had continued to live and eat of the Tree of Life – God being their provision, protection and pleasure – being sustained by the fruit of the trees of the garden which is the fruit of the Spirit and the Living Word.

It says in Genesis 3:7 “The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked”. In the light of good and evil, the first thing they did was hide themselves from God. They covered themselves with fig leaves of their own self works. Our conscience will justify or condemn us (Rom 8:1-2 Amp). Man has been covering up ever since. Fig leaves are a soulish response to a spiritual problem. When Adam sinned, he became conscious of his nakedness, but his awareness (consciousness) of being naked was not the problem. It only informed him that he had a problem. Instead of dealing with the sin itself, he dealt only with his nakedness.

Nakedness was the result, not the cause of his problem. He was only treating symptoms.

Naked means no covering. They were no longer clothed in God’s glory and His presence. In the Targumic (Aramaic translation into Hebrew), it reads that before they fell they had garments of glory or garments of light. Adam and Eve became conscious of self and knew that they were not covered with the glory of God. They were void of the quality and nature they previously had. Thus they were separated from the Law of the Spirit of Life that superseded all dimensions, and now they lived in a lower dimension the law of the flesh.

Anyone who places his trust in a fig leaf (cover-up, pretending there is nothing wrong or “I have everything in control”) is not justified by faith in the blood of the Lamb, because he is relying upon the soul’s (feelings, intellect, emotions) fleshly works and methods that are not God’s way of dealing with the problem.

Adam and Eve yielded to the desires of the natural-physical realm. Isn’t that the very thing Christ died for? (Romans 7:5, 25 Amp) Jesus destroyed the power and influence of the natural physical realm through His shed blood so that we could overcome all things in and through Him.

The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil deals with external behavior – judging all things on the basis of whether they are good or evil – and it produces death. Man makes the assumption that everything that is good is also acceptable and Godly. This is not true! If it were true, then man could be justified by the works of the law. The works of the law are the very thing Jesus died to set us free from (Gal 2:16).

Why would God say not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Because it was a condition of the nature of humanity. The knowledge of good and evil keeps man in his carnal nature and not in the sphere of God's Spirit. Good and evil can only be evaluated in the physical, natural realm and will not produce life. Only the Tree of Life produces the life of the Spirit.

Christ died to free us from the curse of the law and to bring us into the dimension of Spirit life. There is no life in the knowledge of good or evil. This is the reason why so many have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

We have churches on every block, but where is the power? Where is the manifestation of God in our cities and nations? Going through the motions, living and evaluating everything by good works, or what we do, keeps us in the natural, physical realm, *not* in the Spirit realm! Religion is the greatest weapon of deception since Adam and Eve were deceived. "I live a good life, I go to church, I pay my tithes, I am a good person, I don't hurt anyone..." This does not produce life! There must be an expression of the very nature of God to produce life and that only comes from the SPIRIT who is the LIFE! The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the mind of the flesh—the natural, physical, carnal mind which can only produce death.

Romans 8:13 - *For if you live according to the dictates of the flesh, you will surely die.*

THE TREE OF LIFE

To know God is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth. The Word says that we sit with Him in the heavenly sphere (Eph. 2:6). This is the spirit realm which is above the world, above our carnal nature, and above all principalities. The Tree of Life is the Spirit, the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16 - ...But we have the mind of Christ and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. (Amp.)

Through the Tree of Life man partook of His character and nature, of the indwelling Spirit. The life-giving fruit of this tree was accessible to man but had nothing to do with the physical or natural fruit realm of the earth. What did Jesus say when He instituted communion? *Matt. 26:26-28 - Take, eat, this is My body... Drink, this is My blood of the New Covenant.* Christ, the Living Word, is this

Bread of Life. He is inviting each of us to take and eat the Bread of His Word and drink of His Spirit. As we partake, we become the dispensers of the New Covenant, dispensers of the Living Word and dispensers of the Spirit.

John 7:38 - Out of your belly will flow rivers of Living Water

When we eat of the Tree of Life (mind of Christ) we have illumination and possess the light that gives us life (1 Cor. 2:16).

2 Corinthians 3:6 - [It is He] Who has qualified us as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter – that is, of legalism, letter of the law - but of the Spirit; the law kills, but the (Holy) Spirit makes alive. (Amp.)

Christ in us is the hope of glory! (Col. 1:27) The indwelling Spirit is the source and center of all life. As we maintain our union with God, we have His indwelling power of life. In this environment we can live, move and have our being.

TRUTH VS. FORM

The Tree of Life was in the center of the garden and also in the center was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. **Both trees, both realities, are in the center of man's life, but both cannot be the center of his life.**

The Tree of Life is Truth. Truth is reality, in the purest sense of the word. Truth is free from pretense, simulation, falsehood or deceit.

John 8:32 - You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The Word does not say you shall know the *facts* and the *facts* will make you free. Facts are merely the *form* of truth.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is a *form* of truth! A form is an appearance, configuration, resemblance or shape. Laws, forms, rituals, ceremonies, works, and activities are all figures symbolizing truth and reality, but within themselves they contain no life.

These two Trees represent the continual conflict between truth and form, between the letter of the Word and the Spirit, and between flesh and Spirit. In addition, conflict exists between law and grace, ritual and reality, doctrine and life, shadow and substance, and facts and truth.

2 Corinthians 3:6 - *The letter of the law kills but the Spirit gives life.*

John 6:63 - *The words that I speak unto you are Spirit and they are life.*

John 14:6 - *I am the Way the Truth and the Life.*

Did you ever wonder why the serpent whispered, hissed and tempted Eve? It is in our soul, the flesh, where we are tempted. How do we know this? The Word says in James 1:14 that every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by **his own evil desire** (lust, passions). This is very clear, it is the flesh that is tempted and is lured away. The Word says the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. (Matt. 26:41, Mk. 14:38) What the serpent said to Adam's soul (Eve) was a fact. Remember they were both known as Adam before the fall (Gen. 5:2). Adam (spirit) yielded to his soul and their eyes were opened. After Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree, the Lord God Himself verified the serpent's statement as being a fact. Fruit is the seed, the offspring of what the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil produced – death – separation from God's life.

Romans 8:6 - *Now the mind of the flesh (which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit) is death. But the mind of the Holy Spirit is life and peace. Amp.*

What the serpent failed to reveal was the truth and reality of the form. That is, independent of God, man can *never* be a partaker of His divine nature.

The serpent had a twisted *form* of the truth but did not reveal the *reality* of it. What the serpent concealed was that being independent of God and yielding to the soulish realm with its carnal desires results in separation from the Spirit of Life.

Satan continues his deceptive ways. He perverts and twists the promise of the Word of God so that man receives it as a doctrine rather than a revelation, as form rather than life. It is so important to emphasize once again that two Trees live within us – the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Tree of Life is the **reality of the truth** and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the **form of truth!** Many believers today have not learned the difference between these two trees, or between the voice of the Lord God in the garden and the hissing of the serpent from the field (the uncultivated areas of our lives).

We must learn to discern between *flesh* and *Spirit*, between the *letter that kills* and the *Spirit that gives life*, between the *external rituals* and the *internal reality*, between the *outward shadow* and the *inward substance*, between *facts* and *truth*

and between *form* and *reality*. How do we learn to discern what is flesh and what is Spirit? The Lord spoke to me many years ago and said, if you are willing to be wrong, and have a broken contrite heart with true repentance, I can teach you anything. In Psalm 51:17 (Amp) it says, “My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart (broken, sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent) such, O God, You will not despise.” I have seen great men and women with incredible gifts and callings on their lives but who would not allow their pride to be broken. Sadly, they never fulfilled the purposes of God in their lives.

For it was an act worthy and fitting (to the divine nature) that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence **in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect** (bring them into maturity) **though suffering** Heb. 2:10 (Amp).

We have many examples in the ‘Faith Hall of Fame’ of those who strove to live for a greater purpose than themselves. Joseph was made a leader through the things he suffered because He saw God in all things. He always turned his situation around to glorify God. Whether in the pit, the prison or the palace, he always glorified God. So it was with Moses who became a deliverer in the wilderness. Stripped of his own identity, he was transformed into a man of obedience in order to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. It took one day to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt, but it took forty years to get Egypt out of the Israelites. Abraham became the father of the nations once he learned to trust God and stopped trying to make things happen in his own self. Then Isaac, the son of promise, was born. Esther, denying herself and being willing to die, stood up in the authority of God and turned death into life for her people. Joshua, Elijah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Gideon, Deborah and many others, learned that their purpose came through laying their lives down and becoming a living sacrifice. They became the multiplied offspring of the Most High God and they are still speaking to you and me today.

Jesus never said, "You shall know the *facts* and the *facts* shall make you free." Rather, He stated, "You shall know the truth"! Facts are merely the form of truth – truth held by the carnal mind, in the intellect as dead-letter doctrines, laws, creeds, forms, rituals, ceremonies, ordinances, works, activities, etc. All these things *stand for* or *look like* truth and reality, but within themselves they contain no life.

The apostle Paul assures us in 2 Cor. 3:6 that the letter kills and the Spirit gives *life*.

John 6:63 - *The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are life.*

What words? The Word of God! Jesus said, “It is written; Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every Word and expression of God.” Luke 4:4 (Amp)

Man was deceived by the twisted form of truth and was thereby brought to ruin and cheated out of the very thing he sought. He also was cast out of the garden — cast from the heavenly realm and separated from the blessings of the environment that God intended for him, and set in the earth to till the ground from which he was taken. That which he was to rule and have dominion over would now rule him. God gave him his independence and now he would have to live in that environment.

He reaped what he sowed!

Two trees, representing two realities, are in the midst of the garden of man’s experience and being. Both realities are in the middle – within man. One or the other is at every man’s center, the place of his consciousness, the sphere of his existence. Both trees, both realities are in the center of man’s life, but both cannot be the center of his life! Choose you this day who you serve!

Romans 8:13 - *For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are putting to death (making extinct) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever. Amp*

Galatians 5:16 - *But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). Amp*

CHART - TWO TREES – TWO SPIRITS LIFE – DEATH

The following Chart shows the contrast between the two trees and provides an application for our lives. There are names of individuals listed who got the victory because they obeyed God and put Him first in their lives. Through their testimony in the Scriptures, these overcomers are still speaking into our lives and urging us to

be faithful in all things. Those that followed their own selfish desires and disobeyed God reaped what they sowed.

The Tree of Life	The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil
Mind of God	Mind of Conscience
Spirit of God	Spirit of Satan
Spirit that gives life, Christ	Letter of law-flesh
Internal reality	External rituals
Truth	Facts
Truth	Error
Reality	Form
Inward Substance	Outward Shadow
Blessing	Cursing
Free Woman	Bond Woman
Sarah	Hagar
Mordecai	Haman
Queen Esther	Queen Vashti
David	Saul
Samuel	Eli

Philippians 2:13 - *For it is God which works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure.*

We must identify with our true nature and choose to walk in it. Everywhere we go, we should be representing Him. Because we've been begotten of the same incorruptible seed as Christ, the Tree of Life is within us. As we learn to draw from

Him, God works in us to do HIS WILL! Because we love Him and read His Word and believe, we will produce an atmosphere of His presence and live in the reality of who He is. We are His offspring and His representatives in the earth, so we must identify with our true nature, which is His will – His purpose, intent, desire, choice, determination, pleasure – His Word and His Life.

The real issue is that God has placed His divine will, purpose and pleasure within us. If we recognize this, we will rise up, deny the desires of the flesh and submit to the Spirit of our true nature. We have been born again and regenerated by an immortal seed within us. Now we must learn to acknowledge the Christ within and live in what He says we are instead of what the world and our carnal nature say we are.

Romans 7:22-25 - For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self (with my new nature). (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. (24) O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then indeed I, of myself with the **MIND and HEART**, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Psalm 1:2 - But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law – the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God – he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. Amp

We have been sealed by the promise of the Holy Spirit as an offspring of the Most High God that everything He is, He has given to us.

I John 4:17 - By this, **love is perfected with us**, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so also are we in this world**. NASU

Our dilemma is: what do we believe, from which decree (law) are we operating and from which tree are we eating? Do we believe the law of God which produces life more abundantly, or the law of sin which produces separation and death?

His will is in you to do His good pleasure!

Seed

Christ died that His Seed would multiply in the earth. What is that Seed? It is the Word of God (Luke 8:11), the very DNA of God, manifesting in a people who have come into agreement with Him (Gal. 3:16). Now the promise (covenant, agreement) was made to Abraham and his Seed. Galatians 3:22 says, “The Scripture has shut up (included) everyone under sin, so that the blessing which was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given (released, delivered and committed) to those who believe”. Galatians 3:29 says, “If you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed), then you are Abraham’s offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise”. Here is what John 14:20 says: “*You shall know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you*”. We are of that same seed!

In Luke 17:21, our Lord tells us that the Kingdom is within us. This mystery has been hidden for ages and generations, but is now revealed in His holy people. Christ in you is the hope of glory. (**Col. 1:26-27**)

1 Peter 1:23 - *You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal (incorruptible) by the ever living and lasting Word of God. Amp*

First we must understand we were begotten of the same seed of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Then, we need to recognize that we have been, *not going to be but have been*, regenerated (born again) from an IMMORTAL origin by the ever living and lasting WORD of GOD (1 Peter 1:23).

Christ in me is the incorruptible seed. Incorruptible means that which cannot decay, be spoiled, be defiled or be depraved.

‘Regeneration’ comes from the Greek word ‘palingenesia’. This Greek word is taken from two other words ‘palin’, meaning ‘again’ or ‘before’ and ‘geneses’ which connotes a birth, a begetting or a producing. ‘Regeneration’ means to go back; to be restored again to the original state before man lost his true identity and before sin entered into humanity.

BORN AGAIN – NEW BIRTH – REGENERATION

Another term for regeneration is ‘the new birth’. This is a spiritual change in the heart of man. By the power of the Holy Ghost, man’s sinful nature is transformed so that he recognizes his true state of being in Christ Jesus who is the hope of glory! Man becomes a new creation, a new creature in Christ Jesus. His spirit is resurrected from spiritual death to a place where the incorruptible seed (Word) is now activated in the believer.

We have been born again, regenerated, begotten by the incorruptible seed of Christ (Word). We have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Christ was begotten of the Father and we have been begotten by Christ. The Father calls us sons and daughters and Christ calls us His brethren (Rom. 8:29 Amp).

This new birth experience is just the start of our Christian growth and development. It has a much greater meaning. The new birth is the beginning of salvation! Our complete salvation (walking in total redemption) through Jesus Christ has given us total access to the complete deliverance of our spirit, soul and body. Our spirit has been saved, our soul is being saved and our body shall be saved. We are complete in Him.

A PROGRESSIVE WORK, BUT ALSO A REALITY!

Even though the salvation of our souls is an ongoing process, (2 Cor. 3:18) it doesn’t take away from the fact that salvation is a reality and we are complete in Him, we just have not comprehended our true identity yet as Hebrew 8:8 says. We died with Him, we were buried with Him and we arose with Him. In Him we have been justified and glorified.

***Romans 8:30** - And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified and those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being] (Amp).*

He has completed the work on the cross and prepared a place (2 Cor 5:17 Amp). He is waiting for us to believe His word and walk in it (Heb. 4:3 Amp). The more we walk in the light, the more it will overtake us. The Israelites rehearsed the feasts and one day they became a reality. We have experienced Passover - our salvation. We have experienced Pentecost - the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the foretaste of the Spirit. Now we are rehearsing the Feast of Tabernacles until His fullness, His nature, His character and His mind overtakes us. Let us look at Abraham and Sarah as an example. Even though they were past the age of childbearing, God opened Sarah's womb and she birthed Isaac, the son of promise. So it will be with us. He will birth His new nature in us as we continue to be a living sacrifice, faithful and obedient unto Him. When we truly believe and walk in the Word, we are realizing our true identity. Made in His image and likeness, we are to manifest His character and nature and have dominion over all things in the earth.

The seed that was planted in the womb of the virgin (Mary) when she was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost is the same seed that is within us. It awakened us out of our sleep, our dormancy, when we were born again. We were awakened to our true identity in the life-giving Spirit of God.

CHOOSE LIFE

The way we think and live is the law which governs us. The Word says the flesh births the flesh and the Spirit births the Spirit. The flesh produces death and the Spirit produces life. We are spirit beings who have a soul and live in a body. We **live in** this world but we are **not of** this world, because we are born again of the Spirit. So our true identity is to live in the heavens (Spirit realm) and manifest in the earth, not satisfying the desires of the flesh, but reproducing the life of God. When we submit to the Spirit, another law comes into being. Yes, you've got it now! The sovereignty of Who God is! This is an order that supersedes all other laws and dimensions in all things. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the King of a priesthood called by His name to have dominion over all things, executing His authority in the earth.

Every seed reproduces after its own kind. What seed are you governed by? Is it the law of the flesh or the law of the Spirit? What atmosphere do you dictate, the earthly realm or the heavenly realm?

What kind of seed are you reproducing? After the law of the first Adam, a physical, carnal, soulish realm, or after the law of the Spirit, the Last Adam, Christ, the life-giving Spirit? What you believe is what governs you! The way a man thinks so is he. The Last Adam (Christ) is of the life-giving Spirit which supersedes all other seeds, laws and realms. Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in this world! Is He greater in you? This really says it all!

The Seed is in you. It must be watered by the Word. The Word is the Life and the Light of men. 2 Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given to us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence". To the degree we know Him is the degree of the power that works in us. God's power is not the issue, it is our faith. By faith we understand! (Heb. 11:3) Faith is the substance and evidence of the Word of God! Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith believes what the Word says and releases the creative power of God to bring it into existence. Faith supersedes all dimensions and brings forth the power of the Word to create God's purpose and plans. Faith dictates the atmosphere to bring forth that which is impossible. The Word of God is alive and full of power. It is sharper than any two-edged sword; it divides the soul and the spirit, and exposes the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Heb. 4:12). Power manifests when our spirit comes into agreement with the Word and the Spirit through faith. In this union, the living word penetrates the darkness. His light brings forth illumination to reveal the truth which brings life and freedom. This union through communion of the Word and Spirit will destroy bondages, bring deliverance and cause an impartation of revelation. This consummation produces illuminations that will execute a transformation that will manifest the Christ within. That is the creative power of the Word of God as it supersedes all dimensions, laws, decrees, powers and principalities.

BEGOTTEN OF CHRIST

Galatians 4:6 tells us that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. Why? He has done this so that He might reproduce His seed in the earth and that the earth would be covered with the knowledge of His glory! The Word also reveals in 1 John 5:1 that Christ is begotten of the Father and we have been begotten of Christ. We are of the same seed, made in His image and likeness in order that we would

be His offspring in the earth. The Father calls us sons and daughters and Christ calls us brethren. We are heirs of the Father and joint heirs with Christ.

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes (trusts) in Him shall not perish (to lose life) but have eternal (immortal) life. NAS*

We have been born again of the same incorruptible seed as Christ and we possess that same immortal life. Our spirit has been saved, our soul is being saved and our body shall be saved! Our problem is that the physical carnal nature, which is a subservient lifestyle, has been dictating our life. Sin has blinded us from the Truth and continues to keep us in bondage. Instead of the true nature of the life of our Father, which is Spirit, controlling us, we have been living in a mistaken identity which is dictated by our soul, emotions, feelings and intellect. Enoch became one with the Lord. He was in such union with God that he overcame all other dimensions of the world and the Bible says, “He (Enoch) was not” (Genesis 5:24). When our soul and body are totally submitted to the Spirit and we become one with Him, everything that causes death will have no more power over us. The Word says that the last enemy that will be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:26). As we overcome, walk in our true identity in Christ and appropriate what He did on the cross, this walk becomes a reality. No longer do I live, but Christ now lives in me. Isn't that why God sent His Son – to redeem us from the curse of the law? Why aren't we walking in it? Simply because we have not believed our true identity. We have been living in Adam and Eve's fallen state and have not appropriated what Christ did on the cross. He nullified death, hell and the grave. If He destroyed the power of death, hell and the grave, what is holding us back? What we believe!

TWO SEEDS

A seed line reproduces after its own kind. Which seed do you represent?

Genesis 3:15 - *And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman (chaste virgin), and between your (Satan's) offspring and her (chaste virgin) Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel. Amp*

The Lord told the serpent that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. The body of Christ who are virgin (governed by the Spirit) lifts up their heel

to put their feet on Satan's head, destroying the power of influence. Why did He say the seed of the woman and not the seed of man? The Lord was speaking of His bride – His Church (the Woman) who would bruise Satan's head. How can we bruise Satan's head? First, we must understand that Satan's head represents his influence to destroy the Christ within and pervert the truth of the Word so that we do not find our true identity. The only place Satan can tempt us is in our mind, imaginations, and doctrines of error. The Word says we are alienated – separated from God – in the hostile attitude of our mind (Col. 1:21). The way a man thinks in his heart, so he is! (Pro.23:7) Until we realize that we are heirs of the Father and joint heirs of Christ, we are living in lack and in a defeated state of mind.

2 Corinthians 11:2 - *For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness and a divine jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. Amp*

What does a chaste virgin represent? Morally pure in thought and conduct, a chaste virgin is one who has abstained from any type of relationship other than the Lord. One who has made a covenant to be faithful. This virgin is betrothed to only one love, God Himself. God wants to be first in our lives. He wants to be the number one love of our life! To have a virgin soul that is in submission to His Spirit and governed by His Word.

This chaste virgin is a people enveloped and adorned in the seven Spirits of the Lord (Isa. 11:2). They recognize that they are totally governed in their true identity and governed by and through the Spirit of God. The Word says that the heavens are His throne (an exalted place, seat of authority and power) and the earth is His footstool (total subjection to the Spirit, heavenly realm). Recognizing that the heavenly realm rules them, these consecrated ones are in complete subjection to the Spirit, and have become HIS FOOTSTOOL. Satan is under their feet (Rom. 16:20), and Christ is now reigning in them in His full power and authority. This virgin represents His Bride, who is without spot or wrinkle, holy and pure and not defiled by flesh (Eph. 5:27).

Romans 16:20 - *And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

When you recognize your true identity and understand your inheritance in Christ Jesus, Satan will have no more influence on you. The body of Christ needs to rise up and understand what God gave them. God's plan from the beginning was not

only to have a people made in His image and likeness, but to also reproduce His seed in the earth. A seed (Christ within) has the power to reproduce itself many thousand fold from generation to generation.

John 12:23-24 - *And Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted. (24) I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, **Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest**". Amp*

Jesus likened Himself to a seed, a grain of wheat, which was to fall into the ground and die. He would be sown as a seed into the earth, be raised again and then glorified in His own seed, which you are! Christ came as the living Word made flesh, to reproduce His seed in the earth, so that the knowledge of the glory (presence, nature) of God would fill the earth. This seed of Christ is producing a vast harvest of many sons of God made in His image and likeness.

Just as the Lord looked for a virgin to birth the Son who would bring redemption to fallen humanity and provide access back into the very presence of God, He is wooing His virgin church to bring forth His seed, and manifest His sons. Christ died so that He would be multiplied in the earth!

WE ARE NEW CREATIONS

We are heirs of the father and joint heirs of Christ (Rom. 8:17). We have been redeemed by the incorruptible seed of the living Word of Christ. By faith we believe what Christ completed at Calvary. IT IS FINISHED! What is? We are!!! When we identify with our true nature, we will possess the promises that God gave Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed!

Romans 6:6 - *We know that our old (un-renewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. Amp*

Christ made sin ineffective and inactive. We are no longer slaves of sin and no longer controlled by our carnal nature.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come! Amp*

We are a new creation in Christ and now we can become ministers of this new covenant (2 Cor 3:6). This new covenant is the life-giving Spirit of an incorruptible seed reproducing the character and nature of God in the earth. This is the hope of glory! Hebrews 6:19-20 Says, “We have this hope as a sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul** that enters into the very Presence within the veil. (20) Where Jesus Has entered in for us, a forerunner having become a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (order of Spirit)”. Christ split (opened, gave us access) through the veil (law, power of flesh) into the Holy of Holies. There is nothing blocking our access except a lack of knowledge of our true identity in Him. He has entered in for us into the Holy Place, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. To know God is to know Him in SPIRIT and in TRUTH (Word). God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba Father! (Gal. 4:6) This is a pattern and type of the SPIRIT ruling that we are to follow.

1 Peter 1:4 tells us that we are born into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of decay and which is reserved in heaven for us. We are born into an inheritance which is beyond the realm of natural man. This is the realm of the heavenlies, the Spirit life of illumination and the vision of the supernatural incorruptible seed. Heaven is His throne and Heaven (the Spirit realm) is our place of existence!

Acts 7:49 - Heaven is My throne, and earth the footstool for MY FEET. What kind of house can you build for ME, says the Lord, or what is the place in which I can rest?

That house is you. Christ, the house builder, is the hope of glory.

What is glory? Glory is the splendor, radiant beauty and visual illumination of the Lord. God’s glory is His presence, His character, His nature and His light which is His life. His Word is overtaking us and we are becoming one with Him, that the Christ (the Word and Spirit) in us has preeminence. Rom. 8:30 (Amp) says, “And those whom He foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified, (made righteous), and those whom He justified, He also glorified (raising them to a heavenly realm, condition, state of being).”

Where is Christ? Yes, in you! Where is His throne? Yes, in the exalted place of your mind and heart. It is a position of your spirit. Where is His house? His Spirit? Galatians 4:6 says, “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts”. The Word also says you are the temple of the Holy Spirit! We are

the habitation of the Most High God; we are His dwelling place, His abode. Rev. 21:3 says that the abode of God is with men!

Revelation 21:10-11 tells us that His consecrated City was “descending out of heaven” (Spirit realm). We are that consecrated City. “Clothed in God’s glory in its splendor and radiance”. Sure sounds like a bride adorned to me? God’s full intention from the beginning of time is that man would live in the heavens (spirit realm), multiply God’s seed and have dominion on the earth.

We are the sanctuary of the Most High God and the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). We are the abode and dwelling place of God. We must recognize that we were born of the incorruptible Seed.

Romans 6:4-6 When He died – we died
 When He was buried – we were buried
 When He arose – we arose

We need to understand these simple foundational truths and patterns that God has set up for us. There is a knowing that –

- You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:21 Amp
- You have been justified. Romans 8:30
- You have been glorified. Romans 8:30
- You have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2:16
- You were made in the image and likeness of God. Gen. 1:27 Amp
- Christ in you is the hope of glory. Col. 1:27
- You have been begotten of the same seed as Christ. I John 5:1
- You were born again of the incorruptible seed. 1 Peter 1:23
- The earth will be filled with the knowledge of His glory. Hab. 2:14
- God is bringing many sons into glory to perfect their salvation. Heb. 2:10
- God has put all things under his (man’s) feet. Psalm 8:6
- God gave all things to be subject to man. Heb 2:8
- You are a new creature in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:17

By virtue of our being in Christ Jesus, we are (present tense) seated with Him in the heavens (Ephesians 2:6); behind the veil, with total access to His unlimited power and character. We are complete in Him, with nothing lacking and nothing missing. In Him we live and move and have our being. He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. He set us apart, foreordained us, and destined us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm. He is the hope of completeness, and fulfillment of the promise. He is the promise! He is our everything! There is nothing we need when we are in Him!

Romans 12:2 - *Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind. Amp*

1 Corinthians 2:16 - *...But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. Amp*

The Word does not say “we are going to have the mind of Christ”. It tells us explicitly that we **have** it. We must believe in the Christ within us and, in union with our Lord and Savior, feed the seed (the Word within) until we are overtaken and Isaac, the son of promise, is born. The Lord has already completed the work! He has already prepared you. He is waiting for you to comprehend your true identity and possess your inheritance. The unveiling of Christ’s character and image is totally accessible to those who will live according to the Word and proclaim the Christ within.

Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Amp*

Because real faith is:

- I was buried with Him
- I was raised with Him
- I live in resurrected life with Him

FIRSTFRUITS TO GOD

Be fruitful and multiply as Sons! Christ is our pattern (Heb. 8:5; 9:24). He was begotten of the Father and we have been begotten by the Son, Christ Jesus. We are of the same incorruptible seed. (1 Peter 1:23; John 1:14; 1 John 4:7; Acts 13:33)

The only reason we don't manifest it is because we don't believe it, or we think that it is not for us today. What a lie! What a contradiction to what the HOLY WORD SAYS WE ARE! Because of lack of knowledge we are in captivity. (Hosea 4:6)

James 1:18 - *And it was of His own [free] will that **He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself]. (Amp)***

We are joint heirs with Christ Jesus and heirs of the Father and we are born again of the incorruptible seed, so that we might have dominion and authority in Him in all things.

The firstfruits of any given harvest were always the choicest and the best. Jesus was the first of the firstfruits among the brethren (Rom 8:29). He was the pattern son and an example of what was to come, bearing the fruit as an offspring of the Father. He was our forerunner into the Holy of Holies, after the order of Melchizedek, an order of Spirit (Heb. 6:20). The day of Christ's resurrection from the dead was also the day the Israelites celebrated the feast of firstfruits.

Firstfruits also speaks of the resurrection life and power of the New Creation. As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, we also are quickened, made alive and given life.

John 6:63 - *It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life. Amp*

Firstfruits is symbolic of the Seed that comes into maturity in man. It marks the beginning of the harvest of grain (Seed, Word). It ripens and becomes mature in those who are wholly consecrated to the Lord.

The firstfruit people put God first in all things. Because they have become a living sacrifice they have access in the heavenlies, the Spirit realm. These mature believers hold the keys of the kingdom authority and exercise the dominion that

God intended for man from the beginning. We must recognize our true identity and walk in His finished work on the cross.

LIVING IN THE FULLNESS

When we truly understand and appropriate what Christ did on the cross, we will stand in Him and see the completeness of our salvation in His fullness. Sharing in His suffering, we will also share in His glory. (Heb. 2:10, Rom. 8:18, 1 Peter 4:13) He has abolished every wall and barrier that separated us from our true identity in Christ Jesus. We are made of the incorruptible seed, washed in the blood of the Lamb, resurrected into a new creation. Now we have total access into the presence and divine nature of God. Jesus, the Word, became flesh and set us free. As we abide in Him and in His Word, we will walk in His freedom. As He is, so are we in the earth! God loved us so much He sent His Son (His Word, His Seed, Jesus) to the earth to redeem fallen man and reproduce His Seed in a people. He wants us to possess the Promise! What is the Promise? Full salvation, body, soul and spirit. The last enemy to overcome is death. As Romans 8:23 says, “We ourselves, having the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.” God Himself – His Living Word and His Spirit in us. His desire is that we be One – One Heart, One Spirit and One Body. (Rev. 21:3)

Hebrews 4:1 - While the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered today. Amp

Don't think it's too late. Today, the promise still stands, when you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. When we come into agreement with God, we produce an atmosphere that activates His Spiritual law and His seed reproduces after its own kind. His law of the Spirit supersedes all other dimensions and becomes a dominating factor over all things. The incorruptible seed within you has been stirred by your faith. This is the creative power of the Word which produces within you an environment that God can use to manifest His character and nature.

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” As you come into agreement with what the heavens (Spirit) wants accomplished in the earth, you become a gate, a window, an expression of the Logos (the creative Word) on the earth. This is why Christ died; to multiply the Father's Seed (Word, Life, and Light) in the earth. Oh, that the earth would be covered with the knowledge of the

glory of God! Everyone is waiting for God, but God is waiting for us to believe and appropriate what Christ accomplished at the cross. It is finished! We are complete in Him!

Heavens

Jesus Christ came as a physical man to the earth, yet at the same time He was of the heavens, the Spirit. He is our pattern, the Firstborn, the First fruit, of a consecrated people who are to follow. Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 6:20 reveal that Jesus has entered in for us behind the veil into the very presence of God. He is our forerunner who has become our High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. This priestly order is like unto the Son of God, SPIRIT! This was the original state that God intended for man, the environment and atmosphere of the life of God. In this state man was governed by God's Spirit instead of his flesh. Before their fall, Adam and Eve lived in the earth, but were totally submitted to and governed by the Spirit of God, which we know as the heavenly realm. To know God is to know Him in SPIRIT and in Truth. The Spirit realm is a place far above the realm of the physical, material, earthly and mortal state. It is not a geographical or astral location. It is a dimension of life and reality, a sphere of existence in Him

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation old things have passed away and all things become new.*

The law of the flesh was nullified through the power of the blood of Jesus. He triumphed over death, hell and the grave in order that we would also have divine access to overcome our flesh and walk in the fullness of our true nature in Him. We have been born of the incorruptible seed that supersedes all other dimensions or realms in the heavens. In the chapter of Garden we see other examples, types and patterns that describe this same atmosphere which produces the life of God.

Christ was the firstborn, a pattern, a type, a High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek, after the order of the Son, Spirit. He was a forerunner into the very

presence of God beyond the veil (Heb. 6:19-20). This priestly order was birthed out of the heavens, the invisible became visible.

1 Peter 1:4 - *(Born anew) into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay, unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are being guarded by God's power through faith unto salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Let me emphasize what Peter wrote: We are born again into an inheritance which is reserved in heaven (the Spirit realm) for us. Isn't this the state that Adam was originally born into? As he walked with God, there was no sickness, no disease, no torment, and no death. It was a perfect state of peace and fulfillment. Was not this the atmosphere God ordained for mankind?

The Word says we are seated (inhabit, dwell, rest in His finished work) with Him in the heavenly places (Eph. 2:6). This is not a future event. It should be an everyday reality. When we put God's purpose and promises in the future, He can never be the God of the now! If you believe, you will behold and perceive the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us we are being changed from glory to glory, strength to strength, faith to faith.

The Greek word for heaven is *ouranos*, meaning elevation, height, exaltation, eminence and supreme power. Heaven is the dwelling place of God, a position of divine authority and it pertains to that which is above. It is also the place where Christ sits at the right hand of God and is the present position of believers in relationship to Christ.

The word 'heaven' has both natural and spiritual applications. In its spiritual application it speaks of the eternal and omnipresent realm of the Spirit in which God and all celestial beings dwell. It is a spiritual realm above and beyond the physical, material, earthly and visible.

Heaven is the realm of God's Spirit, the invisible dimension of spiritual reality, and it is all around us. We touch heaven (the spiritual realm) when we touch God. We behold heavenly things as our mind and heart dwell upon spiritual realities.

I John 4:17 ... as He is, so are we in the earth today. And He is Spirit!

Isaiah 66:1- Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.

A **throne** is a royal seat of authority and power. It means an elevated position, the place where God manifests His power and glory, and it is a chair of state having a **footstool**. The action ‘to enthrone’ means to place or to exalt in an elevated position. It also means to invest with sovereign power or authority. Jesus said, “You will receive power after that the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” God is Spirit; we are being enveloped in Him. Galatians 4:6 says, because you are sons, God has sent His Spirit into our hearts. Heaven – Spirit realm – is God’s government and authority. To experience heaven we have to be governed by God. The heavenly throne connotes sovereign power and dignity.

When we sit (rest and trust in His Word) with Him, we are acknowledging that He is our King. Thus, we have come into complete subjection to Him. As we live in unity with the Lord, being ruled by the heavens, we recognize that we are His footstool. We become His footstool, His delivery stool to exercise His authority and dominion in the earth.

Footstool means a support for feet; delivery stool, a sanctuary. When we sit with Him in the heavenly realm, (Spirit realm) and are in total subjection to Him, we become a birthing instrument, bringing the heavens, God’s purposes and plans to the earth. The earth is His footstool and it is our foundation upon which we stand in oneness and unity in Him. Thus, everything becomes subject to His authority and dominion, His rule and power. His environment supersedes all realms, dimensions, principalities and powers of the universe. As He is, so are we in the earth today (John 4:17b).

Psalm 110:1 - Sit at My right hand, till I make YOUR enemies YOUR footstool!!

Psalm 132:7 - Let us go into His tabernacle; let us worship at *His footstool*.

A footstool implies complete subjection. When we sit with Him (Eph. 1:20-21) we are resting in what He did at Calvary. Because Christ defeated death, hell and the grave, we can cease from our labors. There is nothing we can do to make things happen. We are to totally trust in the Lord and the power of His might. When we rest in Him we are in the highest dimension of authority in the earth because we have come into agreement with what He has already done. That supernatural dimension says: we are complete in Him; we have overcome all things in Him; no weapon formed against us shall prosper; we are the righteousness of Christ Jesus; and, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

As we are totally subject to Him, everything is subordinate - subject to His authority, His dominion, His rule and His power. This is total subjection: resting in His finished work because the Christ overcame all things! Remember what He said at the cross, "IT IS FINISHED." You are complete in Him!

The apostle Paul points out in Ephesians 1:3 that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm. Where do we fight principalities and powers? Yes, in the heavenly realm. Why? Because in Him, it is finished and we are complete. Because He has won the victory, we can now stand in the authority of His Word and declare His finished work.

When we sit with Him in the heavenly realm, we are coming into agreement with what He has already accomplished on the cross. We rest (cease from our labor, cease from doing) in Him because of what He has already accomplished through the blood that was shed for us. He has overcome death, hell and the grave; He has overcome all things for us and now He is waiting for us to recognize we are His heirs, made in His likeness and image, ordained to have dominion in the earth as His kings and priests. God is summoning His Church to arise out of their slumber, shake off the dust that has governed them, rise up in the Spirit, and appropriate what He did on the cross.

THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

There is an order of priesthood "like unto the Son of God". This is the order of Melchizedek, the order of a people governed by the Spirit, the heavenly realm (Heb 7:17). Melchizedek was a *theophany*, an expression of the invisible God manifesting in the visible. The Son of God was the Word made flesh, an expression of the invisible God in the earth. The Word, The Seed, Jesus Christ, came to the earth to reproduce Himself in a holy, consecrated people. How do we know this? Because Christ was begotten by the Father and we have been begotten by Christ! We are of that same incorruptible seed! The Word tells us in John 14:20 **You will know that I am in My Father and you are in Me, and I am in you.**

In the book of Genesis, He sent His Word in the form of the visible, Melchizedek, who was a priest after the order of His Spirit, after an order of HIMSELF. His purpose was to set forth, impart to the earth an order, arrangement of Himself of a priesthood that would come forth governed by and birthed by Spirit and not by man. This order was set up before the Levitical priesthood was ever instituted.

What does that mean for us today? Melchizedek was a priesthood after the order of the Son of God, who is the Word of God, Who is Spirit! This is the order which God set up from the beginning. He wants us to live and move and have our being in Him and Him alone, so that we will walk in the cool of the day (Spirit of the day) in the earth.

Heaven speaks of a dimension that is higher than the earth. In Matthew 5:34 Jesus said that heaven is the throne of God. In order to experience heaven we must be governed by God. When our spirit comes into agreement with the Spirit of God we bring the heavens, the Father's thoughts, will and purposes, to the earth.

Remember when the disciples asked Jesus how to pray? This sounds like a TOP PRIORITY of the FATHER'S HEART!!! "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven!"

1 John 4:17 - *As He is so are we in the earth today.* Doesn't the Word of God say that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the very habitation of God?

Someone has to hear and know what heaven, is saying so that it will be revealed and released in the earth (Matt. 18:18-19). As we come into agreement with the mind of Christ, we learn to position our spirit to hear what God is saying, so that we can declare and proclaim it in the earth. The Bible says we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). Until we truly believe who we are in Christ Jesus we will not bear the fruit of our true identity.

THE ABODE OF GOD IS WITH MAN

Revelation 21:2-3 - *I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem coming down out of the heaven, (spirit realm), all arrayed (made ready, adorned, prepared) a bride (which we are) beautiful and adorned for her husband. (3) The abode of God is with men.*

What is coming out of the heavens, out of the Spirit realm? Who is being adorned for her husband? A bride that has been prepared and enveloped in the Lord. What was Abraham looking for? A city that could not be seen! We are being adorned as we pursue the life of the Spirit. We live and move and have our being in Christ! The holy city, the New Jerusalem, and the bride are symbolic of who we are in Christ Jesus. We are becoming the expression of God in the earth as we are adorned in Him and enveloped in the seven spirits of the Spirit of God (Isa. 11:2).

The twelve names of the tribes of Israel upon the twelve gates of the City are twelve entrances or experiences into the presence and glory of God's divine nature, progressively unfolding from the Christ within as we possess His character and nature. Each experience is a progressive step of the heavens, the Spirit realm, coming down and descending into the visible realm. Each of the twelve tribes, the twelve gates, is a manifestation of the nature of God to be birthed and developed within us, expressing His nature in the earth.

Revelation 21:9-12 - "Come here, I shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (10) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven from God** (11) having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone. (12) **It had a great and high wall** (salvation) with **twelve** (government of God) **gates** (access, praise) **and at the gates with twelve** (government) **gates** (access, praise) are **twelve** (government) **angels** (messengers) and **the names** (*character and nature*) **were written on them**, which are those of the **twelve tribes of the sons of Israel** (Gen. 49:1-28).

THE TWELVE TRIBES

The first tribe RUEBEN means "**Behold a son.**" God is perfecting the spirit of sonship, vision and maturity in His children.

The second tribe SIMEON, means "**Hearing.**" "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches" (Rev. 2:7). Faith comes by *hearing* the Word of God

The third tribe LEVI means "**Unity**" or "**joined,**" and truly "he that is *joined* unto the Lord is one spirit" (1 Cor 6:17). It is the principle of *abiding* in Christ. "I am the vine, you are the branches: he that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5). Only in unity we live and bear fruit. We are a ministering body, each one a joint supply. The Levites did not receive an earthly inheritance as all the other tribes did because they were of the priestly tribe and God was their provision.

The fourth tribe JUDAH means "**Praise or celebrated,**" to revere or worship with extended hands. A people transformed to show forth HIS virtues and

excellencies, to become His praise in the earth. This is the experience of PRAISE (confidence, faith, trust in God) flowing out of the Christ nature from within.

The fifth tribe ZEBULON means "Dwelling or habitation." It speaks of apprehending and entering in everything that God has prepared for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. To become the dwelling place, the habitation, the sanctuary, the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The sixth tribe ISSACHAR means "Bearing a reward." Jesus Christ paid the price of our redemption in full; come and be redeemed without money, for the reward is with Him. The reward surpasses talents and gifts, because what you behold you become. Christ in you the hope (confidence, assurance) of glory! Issachar has grown up in the maturity of the full measure of the stature which belongs to Christ Jesus (Eph. 4:13).

The seventh tribe DAN means "Judge; umpire, execute or minister judgment" (Gen. 30:5-6; 49:16-18; Deut. 33:22). This is the experience of purity and righteousness in judgment flowing from Christ within to minister and produce life.

The eighth tribe GAD means "A troop (comes), overcomes, dispenser of Christ's abundance." Knowing of our being in Christ as overcoming sons as His army, His troops executing His purpose in the earth.

The ninth tribe ASHER means "Happy." This is the experience of being happy, content and worshipping in every circumstance. Not moved or shaken by circumstances or situations around us, but a confidence and abiding joy that all things work together for good to those who are called according to His purpose. "The joy of the Lord is our strength" This is not external joy worked up by singing and clapping, but true heartfelt honor and acknowledgment honoring Him with joy for Who He is.

The tenth tribe NAPHTALI means "Wrestling, my wrestling; to twist together or struggle." This is the experience of being an overcomer and prevails (like Jacob who became Israel) releasing the creative Word. This denotes victory in spiritual warfare — OVERCOMING — for "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high (heavenly, spiritual) places" (Eph. 6:12).

The eleventh gate **JOSEPH** means “**Jehovah has added**; let him add or augment, to continue to do a thing.” This is the experience of BEING A PRESERVER OF LIFE TO OTHERS. ” In **Genesis 41:45** we read that Joseph’s Egyptian name was “Zaphenath-paneah” which means, “treasury of the glorious rest; abundance of life.” On the breastplate, Joseph’s name was represented by his two sons, **EPHRAIM and MANASSEH**.

Ephraim means “**double fruit**”, that which becomes provision for all men out of the abundance of HIS LIFE. It is provision and ministry. "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so prove to be My disciples" (Jn. 15:8).

Manasseh means “**Forgetfulness**”, representing the ministry of reconciliation, mercy, forgiveness, and blessing; even that beautiful characteristic of God's nature wherein He says even to the rebellious, "And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for ALL shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE" (Heb. 8:11-12).

The twelfth tribe **BENJAMIN** means “**Son of the father's right hand**.” This is the experience of SITTING WITH HIM IN THE THRONE AS A FULL BROTHER (Rev. 3:21; 21:7); our ADOPTION and PLACEMENT as full-grown sons (Rom. 8:14-23), having attained the fullness of His stature (Eph. 4:13).

These names describe the character and nature of those who live within these gates. This is the true Israel, the Israel of faith, the people who are consecrated and submitted to Christ and have become a living sacrifice. These names brings us the revelation and represent the characteristics that we are to possess and be established in before we are qualified to share the authority of His government as overcomers.

A PROPER FOUNDATION

Ephesians 2:20 - *You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone. (21) In Him the whole structure is joined together harmoniously, and it continues to rise into a holy temple in the Lord. (22) In Him you yourselves also are being built up (into this structure) with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.*

Empowered with God's vision and purpose, the Church (individually and corporately) moves by Christ Jesus the Head and His body. His called out – chosen authority, grows up in Him and demonstrates His wisdom, operating in and through the seven Spirits of the Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:2, 7). This structured government is completely governed by the Lord and goes beyond man's wisdom, knowledge and understanding. This Church is alive, fully living and trusting and walking in the headship of Christ Jesus, (Eph. 4:15).

In essence, the true Church is a people expressing the character and nature of God to such a degree that the knowledge of His glory is covering the earth. God has a people whom He has ordained and appointed before the foundation of the world and through whom He is revealing His presence and authority. We are His instruments, being formed into a holy habitation of God, through the Spirit in order to express and execute His purposes in the earth. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit!

In Ephesians 4:10-13 (NAS) it says, "He who descended is Himself also He who ascended, far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. (11) And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors, and teachers. (12) For His intention was the perfecting and full equipping of the saints the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body." The function of the five-fold ministry is to build God's body to such an extent that it grows up in Him. The Lord desires nothing less than the full measure of Christ's perfection (maturity) in a people. These gifts He Himself appointed are:

Apostle – one who is sent as a messenger, ordained not by man but by God and chosen from the foundation of the world. The apostle lays foundational truths and establishes new works with specific authority and provides spiritual direction to build God's church in Spirit and in Truth. *Eph 2:20, 3:1-10; Acts 2:42*

Prophet – a seer, God's mouthpiece, the prophet speaks of future events, gives specific directions and also is corrective. The prophet declares to the earth what God is saying and the Lord utilizes the prophet to bring revelation, confirmation, exhortation, comfort and direction. *2 Peter 1:21; Rev. 1:1; Acts 11:27-30; 15:32, 21:10; Eph. 4:11-16*

Teacher – the teacher builds upon the foundation laid by the apostle and prophet in order to establish the saints and bring them into maturity. The teacher instructs with anointing and authority and disciples by the wisdom and knowledge of God in the accuracy of His Word. *1 Cor 12:28; 2 Tim 2:2; Matt. 5:19; 1 Cor.2:6-14; James 3:1*

Pastor – given to shepherd and love the flock in Spirit and in Truth, the pastor disciples and trains the saints to grow up into full maturity. They are also known as Bishops or Elders. *Acts 20:17-28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; 1 Tim.3:1-7*

Evangelist – one who declares and brings the good news, a preacher of the Gospel, the evangelist is also known as an edifier and exhorter. They preach with fervency to reach the lost and to bring healing and deliverance to those who are bound and in captivity. *Acts 6:5, 21:8; 2 Tim. 4:5; Acts 8:4, 12, 35, 40*

Just as Aaron the High Priest and his four sons would minister as one, the five-fold ministry is the Lord's extension of the heavens in the earth. They are equipping His body to be living stones built into a spiritual habitation. God never intended that there be a one-man show, dominating, controlling and dictating everything. The goal should not be to build ministries or images for ourselves, but to build a people in Christ's character and nature for the glory of God. He desires the ministry to honor each other's anointing and gifting, so that the church is an expression of His love, power and authority in the earth.

God wants His government to operate in a corporate-cluster anointing. **(Is. 65:8)** This is the whole purpose of the church. God does not want ministry to build a kingdom for themselves, but to build a people of the Spirit. This is true ministry – teaching that God's precious people come into their true identity in Him, living in the heavens and manifesting His purpose and plans in the earth. It takes ministers who have died to themselves and are totally delivered from their ambitions, greed and power. Godly leadership walks in the love and passion of the Father's heart for His people to earth. His desire is that we love each other above our own desires and demonstrate a mature Christ life as an example to all.

HIS PLAN FOR YOU

God knew you before the foundation of the world and destined you for a certain time and place in history. He wants to manifest His purpose through you! You were a word within THE WORD before the foundation of the world. You just didn't arrive on the scene because your mom and dad decided to have a cute little baby. No, God has a plan for you and desires to bring you into fulfillment and purpose!

Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.*

Yes, God has a plan for you to be with a covenant people in a designated place. He has purposed before the foundation of the world that you might grow and be developed in Him. As we are obedient to Him, He directs our path to those divine appointments, that we may be fulfilled in all things through Him, the author and finisher of our faith. He has already planned your geographic location and time in history to manifest His character and nature in the earth.

Acts 17:26 - *He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having determined their allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands and abodes). Amp*

God sent His Son so that we would have access back into the dimension that God created: an environment identified as a garden, a paradise, heaven, the Spirit realm where God wanted Adam and Eve to live and be fulfilled.

Heaven, the Spirit realm, is a place far above the realm of the physical, material, earthly and mortal. It is a dimension of life and reality, a state of being and a sphere of existence. To know God is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth!

John 4:24 - *God is Spirit (a spiritual being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth (reality).*

When our Lord Jesus walked on the earth, He came as a pattern and an example for us to follow. Man was made from the dust, the earth, but the last Adam (Christ, the life-giving Spirit) was of the heavens, the Spirit. We live in the world but we are not of this world. Abraham looked for a city that was unseen.

2 Corinthians 4:18 - *while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. NASU*

Why? Because it was a Spiritual dimension, not made by man's hands. Nothing that is in the physical will produce spiritual life. First comes the natural, (physical) and then the Spirit. The Last Adam, Christ the life giving Spirit superseded the physical. Galatians 4:6-7 tells us "God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts!" Listen to what verse seven says; "Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ".

We are to rest in Him until the foundation of the earth has become the abode, the dwelling place, the sanctuary, and the temple of God. You are the temple, the sanctuary, the habitation of the Most High God! The Lord wants the earth to be ruled and governed under total subjection to the heavens, to His Spirit.

Isaiah 60:13 - **The glory of Lebanon** (*heart of understanding*) will come to you, **the pine** (*a large tree that grows quickly and is enduring*) **the fir** (*musical instruments are made from it; fragrant*) and **the box**, (*elegant and straight, used for engraving*) **together adorn the place of My sanctuary and I will glorify the place of My feet.**

We have God's heart of understanding and maturity to endure, to be fragrant and to be elegant. We have the mind of Christ and His holiness is engraved in our hearts. We are represented here as different types of trees that are adorned and are representing His sanctuary. We are the sanctuary, the temple, the abode of God, the dwelling place of the Most High God!

God will glorify those who yield and consecrate themselves as a sanctuary for Him. Those who have consecrated themselves completely to the Lord and have overcome will represent Him in the earth as His feet company. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under YOUR FEET! (Romans 16:20)

OVERCOMING

In Hebrews 2:10 we see that the purpose of Christ's existence was to bring many sons into glory. Jesus Christ is our example as a Priest and King, the Pattern Son. He shows us that He was first the perfect sacrifice, He then became the mediator

(intercessor) and also the blessing! As He is so are we in the earth today (1 John 4:17b).

As Christ dwells within us, we are to be the dispensers of the New Covenant of the Bread and the Wine - the Living Word and the Spirit!

- 1) First, we are to be living sacrifices. Romans 12:1.
- 2) Then, we are to be intercessors - mediators standing in the gap for lost humanity; bringing the heavens to earth, bringing the delivering power of God into darkness, setting the captives free. Matthew 18:18-19 Amp.
- 3) In all this, we are to be a blessing!

Many are called but few are chosen. We must *choose* to take up the divine life! We must recognize that Christ triumphed over death, hell and the grave and that Satan is defeated through Christ's blood shed on the cross. We are complete in Him. Now we must appropriate the victory, walk in His Word and realize that Satan is under our feet. (Romans 16:20).

We are to live from the heavens, the Spirit realm, but our reign is over the earth. Heaven and earth meet in us as they did in Jesus. Jesus Christ was a physical man on earth, yet at the same time was ruled by heaven, the Spirit realm. He is our pattern! His outer man, his body, was conscious in the earthly realm, but the inner man was conscious of the eternal, Spiritual realm and was one with it.

God has sent his Son to open the door to the heavenlies. As we overcome the natural realm, we discipline ourselves to be God-conscious so that it becomes a state of being. Our prayer is that the Kingdom will come, so that God's will is done on earth through a people who live in the heavens (Spirit realm) while they walk on earth. They hear what the heavens (the Spirit) is saying and become a door, a window, a gate on the earth. Isn't this God's purpose? It is not the kingdom IN heaven - it is the Kingdom OF Heaven, the Kingdom that originates in and out of a Heavenly realm.

The Kingdom of Heaven opens to us all the power, resources and abilities of the heavens, and puts at our disposal everything God has and is. But there must be a means of expression.

1 John 4:17b - As He is, so are we in the earth today.

There must be a means by which God can reveal the heavenly things to the world so that they can understand. The Spirit of God is moving everywhere but human, natural eyes cannot see the things of the Spirit. We must have perception beyond the situation or circumstance and see, perceive what the heavens, the spiritual realm is saying. Matthew 18:18 (Amp) says, “Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven”. As we hear and perceive what the Spirit, the heavens are saying, we behold the gateway of heaven as Jacob saw in his dream (Gen. 28:11-19). Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Isaiah 40:5 - *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.*

Luke 3:6 - *And all mankind shall see (behold and understand and at last acknowledge) the salvation of God (the deliverance from eternal death decreed by God)*

As we become the testimony of the Spirit and the Word we learn to continually live, move and have our being in Him. This is being in Christ. We have overcome the old Adam and he no longer rules us. Now, the New Creation Man, the Last Adam, Christ Jesus of the life-giving Spirit, rules in our lives. I no longer live, but the Christ within me lives. Learn to live in your true identity!

Come up here in the heavenlies, in the Spirit realm! Learn to live where you were destined to live - in the Spirit, one with the Lord; walking in His presence in the cool (spirit) of the day.

God is inviting us to another dimension, a higher realm, a realm of His throne, a realm of the overcomer, the heavenly realm. As we press into maturity, perfection and sonship and desire Him above all, we must hear the call, “Come up Here”!

Apprehended by His Glory

God is calling forth His sons and daughters who have been apprehended by His glory, who are rising up and ascending into the heavens as fathers and overcomers, to speak and declare His Word in the earth. Just like Revelation 4:1 says, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven”. There is an open door, a voice like the sound of a trumpet speaking, and saying “**Come up here and I will show you what must take place after these things.**” After what things? The church age of mixture.

God is calling for a people who are ascending the throne, living in the heavenly realm, the Spirit realm that have come out of mixture. No longer does self or the world influence or govern them, but they are pressing in to the high call of the full measure of the stature of Christ and are being apprehended by His glory. God is calling forth His messengers to become the message through His church, summoning them to overcome so that they will be given authority over the nations. We are in the greatest time in the history of the world. The first time Jesus came, He came in the physical; born of the flesh to overcome the law of the flesh, that we may be born again of the law of the Spirit. He overcame death for you and me that we would walk in His fullness and have dominion and authority over all things. This was His purpose from the beginning for all humanity. He has not changed His mind. This is why He sent His Son who triumphed over death, hell and the grave that we would be completely redeemed in spirit, soul and body!

The Lord spoke to me in the middle of the night and said, your name is now Deborah Smith. I knew He was speaking of a company of people He was raising up in this hour.

Deborah means bee, branch, to pollinate, to subdue, an order, appoint and declare. It comes from the root meaning to speak. It is where the phrase “Word of God” comes from and is identical to the word meaning bee. Bees produce honey which is a source of strength (1 Samuel 14:27).

Smith means a setter of precious stones, seal, engraver, a worker in silver, gold and precious stones, instructor and to pierce.

THE BRANCHES

The Lord is calling forth a people who are His branches, His government, who will declare His Word to the nations, who will slay and smite the darkness, as messengers of flames of fire so that the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth. (Ps. 104:4)

John 15:5-6 - He (Jesus Christ) is the Vine we are the branches (extension of the Vine).

Branch means staff, scepter, measuring rod, sprout, and extension of the vine, for the government flows from the shoulder to the hand – the five-fold ministry. (Eph. 4:11-13)

Zechariah 6:12 - Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the Lord.

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the habitation, the dwelling place, the abode and sanctuary of the Most High God.

We see the Branch, Christ Jesus is going to branch out. The Word tells us Jesus Christ is the Vine and we are the branches.

He is building a people conformed and molded into the image of His son, Christ Jesus (Rom 8:29 Amp). We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the abode, the dwelling place, the sanctuary of the Most High God. Jesus Christ is the Branch, seated at the right hand of the Father. Where are we sitting? It says we sit with Him in the heavenlies, the Spirit realm (Eph. 2:6). How do we sit with Him? We rest in His finished work that He accomplished on Calvary. We must understand that we

are spirit and have a soul and live in a body. Our spirit is God-conscious, our soul is self-conscious and our bodies are world-conscious. We can see here that our soul and body need to be one with our spirit in submission, being influenced and governed by the Spirit of the Lord which is who He is, the Living Word. What is spirit? Spirit means to breathe, to blow, wind, air in motion, and disposition of mind; the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul, power or energy, of the quality of substance which manifest life. The spirit realm is a dimension of life and reality. It is a state of being!

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things have passed away and all things become new.*

Colossians 1:27 - **Christ in me the hope** (confidence & expectancy) **of glory.**

The Holy Spirit is the very Spirit of God which quickens (makes alive) your mortal, fleshly bodies to be governed and ruled by God. How are we quickened? (Eph. 2:1-2, 5; 1 Pet. 3:18) Through our spirit coming into agreement with His Word we walk accordingly. The Word says we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16) Why don't we have the mind of Christ? Because we don't believe it and it has not become a reality yet. The Word says to be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14). We must practice living and abiding in the Word until we become one with Him. God is transforming a people to be governed and to walk by His Spirit, to establish the government of His kingdom so that it will be established and manifest in the earth. The Kingdom of God is not built according to the standards of man but according to the Spirit of the Lord.

Joshua the high priest and his colleagues were **men who are signs and types of the Branch who is to come.**

Zechariah 3:8 - *Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues who sit before you — **for they are men who are a sign or omen** [types of what is to come] — for behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch. [Isaiah 4:2; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15; Zechariah 6:12.] AMP*

What kind of a symbol or sign are they speaking about? Joshua, the high priest, and his comrades were symbolic of God transforming His Sons into His image and likeness to walk in His ways and to govern His house; giving Joshua and his

comrade's access from the heavens to the earth as His representation, His extensions, the branches of The Branch, Christ Jesus.

In Genesis 28:12 Jacob saw a ladder set up on the earth that reached to the heavens, and angels (messengers of the Lord) going to and fro from the heavens to the earth. God is preparing a priesthood who has access in heaven and in earth.

Isaiah 8:18 tells us **“Behold I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for SIGNS AND WONDERS in Israel from the Lord of hosts who dwells on Mount Zion.”**

Jeremiah 33:15 - *In those days and at that time **I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth;** and **He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.** NASU*

Jeremiah 33:22 - *As the host of heaven cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so **I will multiply the descendants of David, My servant and the Levites who minister to me.***

God wants a people who are overcomers, led by the Spirit, who He can give access and authority to, who are established in Him and will carry out His purposes and plans, taking full responsibility for executing His government of His Kingdom so that it will be established in the earth as it is in heaven. This Kingdom will be established through the Son the Head, and His body His brethren. (Eph. 3:10, Eph, 5:23-24, Col. 2:19, Rom. 8:29)

SHOULDER – THE PLACE OF GOVERNMENT

Isaiah 9:6 - **To us a Son** (the Branch) is given; and **the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

On the shoulders of Aaron the High Priest's ephod were two onyx stones with the names of the twelve tribes written on them, six on each shoulder. They were identical on each **shoulder** (place of government, rule, dominion, bear the burden, responsibility). There were two onyx stones, one on each shoulder, symbolic of the witness of the Word and the Spirit as well as Christ in the fullness of His body. It also points to the marriage covenant and the joining of the husband (the bridegroom) and the wife (the bride, His virgin church). The onyx was the gem stone of both sons of Joseph, of the tribes of Manasseh (means "forgetfulness") and Ephraim ("double fruitful"). Manasseh and Ephraim were separate in their symbols

but united having the onyx as their same gemstone. These stones were to be “stones of memorial” (Ex.25:7, 28:9-12). In Genesis 2:12 we see mention of the onyx in the Garden of Eden. God wanted His people to look at the High Priest and remember the blessings and communion that man had with Him in His environment of the Garden. The stones were to serve as reminders to the people of God’s saving grace with access back into His very presence; also restoring them to their true identity, in His image and likeness in oneness with Him, in the examples of the different gemstones of each tribe (branch) and symbols (character and nature of each tribe) which all reveal the character and nature of God that we are to possess. *(See Twelve Gates Message)* This custom of the High Priest wearing the emblem of office upon the **shoulder**, means to carry, and bear responsibility and power of the government. The **shoulder** is an area between the body and neck, the will and extension of the arm of movement of the headship of Christ. Christ the Head, connected to the body is the extension of the arm of the Lord and His movement through the five-fold ministry of **His right hand** (Eph. 4:11-12). Just as Aaron and his four sons ministered as one (Ex. 28:1).

Ephesians 5:27-28 - That He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. NASU

Matthew 25:34 - Then the King will say to those at His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Christ the Head is the extension of His body through the five-fold ministries of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph.4:11-13).

We see this fullness of Christ in the priesthood of Aaron. Aaron’s rod budded, sprouted and brought forth buds and produced blossoms (flowers) and yielded almonds (fruit) (Num. 17:8). This also correlates with the candlestick, (Ex. 25:31-33) representing Jesus Christ as the Head, having preeminence as the central shaft in the midst of six **branches**. Six is symbolic of man, (humanity) incomplete without Christ, the seventh. In the candlestick we are one with Him. He is our

center of life flowing through every part until we are complete and perfected in Him, to the full measure of the stature of Christ Jesus (Eph. 4:13).

Just as Aaron's rod manifested resurrection life first, symbolic of first fruits, we are to be the offspring of the Lord, of the Last Adam, Christ, life-giving Spirit. We are born again of that same incorruptible seed (His offspring) bringing forth His fruit of His life giving Spirit and His resurrection power in the earth (1 Peter 1:23).

We see the almond in the candlestick, the bud, the flower and the fruit. This is speaking of our growth in Christ Jesus, coming into maturity as we are developed and clothed in the Word and the Spirit. Almond means wakeful or hastener because the almond plant was the first to bud or come to life in the spring. This speaks of resurrection life and the power of Jesus Christ as the first fruits from the dead, the firstborn among the brethren (Rom. 8:29). Christ was our pattern, example, our forerunner that we would follow behind the veil into the Holy of Holies, to be clothed from on high with the Spirit (Heb. 6:19-20).

The church is to be the extension of the Branch, the extension of His government, the five-fold ministry to equip the body of Christ and bring them into maturity. The Glorious branch of Isaiah 4:2 is the Glorious Church of Ephesians 5:27, the many membered body of Christ. God wants every man and woman to hear from Him themselves, and find their true identity and inheritance as priests and kings. Man can only shine forth His light and life as extensions and as His branches by being in union with the Branch, Christ Jesus, coming into agreement with the Word and the Spirit as **ONE NEW MAN**, symbolized in the candlestick. (Eph.2:15Amp)

Isaiah 4:2-6 - *In that day **the Branch of the Lord** shall be beautiful and glorious. And the **fruit of the earth** shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.*

We are the **fruit** (His offspring, branches) of the earth that are overcoming and being enveloped by and through the Spirit.

James 5:7 - *Therefore be patient, brethren, **until the coming** (at hand, along side, to be present, presence, denotes one who has already arrived) of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for **the precious fruit of the earth**, waiting patiently for it until it receives **the early** (spring, beginning) **and latter** (fall, mature, Tabernacles) **rain.***
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This speaks of His coming in us, and the glory of the fullness of His Spirit maturing us as He impregnates us with His Word producing His character and nature until we come into His fullness and attain the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:13).

Colossians 3:4 - *When Christ who is our life appears, (to manifest, be visible, to be made known,) then you also will appear with Him in (the splendor of His glory.*

In Isaiah 11:1-2 we will see just as David was a root stock, a descendant of the Branch, that he was instrumental in establishing the permanent tabernacle, a temple in the physical. God allowed his son, Solomon to build His house and filled it with His glory, (2 Chron. 5:14) which was a type, a pattern of that which would be fulfilled in us, a spiritual habitation of our Lord. We are His spiritual temple, abode, dwelling place that He wants filled with His presence manifesting in the earth. Just like His Word says, “*As He is so are we in the earth today.*” (1 John 4:17b) Christ in you the hope (confidence & expectancy) of glory! (Col. 1:27)

Isaiah 11:1-2 - *Then a shoot (branch, rod) will spring from the stem (David, root, stock) of Jesse, and a branch (shoot, bud, sprout, descendant) from his roots will bear fruit (fruitful, branch off, bring forth, producing, cause to be, increased, grow). (2) And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and (might) strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

As Deborahs we are the branches, the shoots, buds that pollinate and bear fruit, manifesting His character and nature in the earth.

CRAFTSMEN OF SPIRIT

The Lord said He was raising up His Deborah Smiths. **Smiths** were direct descendants of Shem, son of Noah (Gen. 10 & 11 and Luke 3:23). Smith means a setter of precious stones, seal engravers, a worker in silver and gold and precious stones, instructor and to pierce. God is raising up His **living stones**, a priesthood to execute His purposes in the earth.

1 Peter 2:5 - *Come and like living stones, be yourselves built (into) a spiritual house, for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. Amp*

In **Exodus 31:1-5** we see **Bezalel was a craftsman who God filled with His Spirit.** This is what the Lord spoke to me, that He was raising up His smiths, His craftsmen, His fathers who are filled with His Spirit to execute His purposes in the earth now. **Bezalel** means *in the shadow of God, in the likeness of God*. He was the son of **Uri** which means *filled with light, brilliant, shining, illumined or fiery*. Here is a picture of a father (Uri) filled with light, the illumination of the Most High God. He raises a son (Bezalel) in that illumination of light and he becomes the manifestation, the craftsman of God filled with His Spirit.

Exodus 31:1-5 - *And the Lord said to Moses, (2) See, I have called by name **Bezalel** (likeness of God) son of **Uri**, (light, fire, flame, glorious) the son of **Hur**, (white linen) of the tribe of **Judah**.(worship, celebrated) (3)And **I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and ability, in understanding and intelligence, and in knowledge and in all kinds of craftsmanship.**(4) To devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze. (5) **And in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of craftsmanship.***

God is preparing and summoning a people as living stones, manifesting His divine nature and His complete salvation, to execute His judgment in the earth. (See Eliakim Message)

- In Gold – His Divine Nature
- In Silver – His Redemption
- In Bronze – His Judgment
- To Cut Stones for Setting Stones – Governmental offices (Eph.4:11)
- Carving Of Wood – Humanity being transformed into the image of the Son (Rom. 8:29)

God is calling forth His craftsmen of Spirit to bring forth His government to execute His Kingdom in the earth, who are manifesting His divine nature (gold) and redemption (silver). They are living stones who bring forth His righteous judgment that reveals the heart, dividing the soul and spirit through the power of His Word (Heb. 4:12). They have been molded and shaped by the Potter Himself, and positioned (set) in their covenant offices in the corporate cluster to equip and structure the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-13). As craftsmen they have been transformed from being governed by the human nature (wood) of the first Adam

into the divine nature of the Last Adam, Christ the life giving Spirit. (See Adam Chapter) We can see that there needs to be craftsmen, ministers, true fathers who can live and move and have their being in Him; to rule and reign, executing His Word, to be an arrow to pierce and destroy the power of darkness to call those things that don't exist as though they do, so that the knowledge of His glory will fill the earth.

Psalm 50:5 - Gather together to Me My saints, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

SMITHS ARE MESSENGERS OF COVENANT

Who are the messengers of covenant? They are the messengers of the Kingdom of God with an executing Word, full of the Holy Spirit bringing righteous justice to the earth to restore the hearts of the fathers back to their children.

Luke 1:13, 15-17 - *But the angel said to him, " Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. ... (15) "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. (16) "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. (17) "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." NASU*

God sent John the Baptist as the messenger, forerunner of the message of the gospel, to prepare the way of the Lord as a messenger – dispensers of His covenant! Now God is preparing messengers, a people apprehended by His glory to be flames of fire, messengers of His covenant, carrying the message of the Kingdom of God that the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth. Jesus was our forerunner beyond the veil and we are to follow as messengers of flames of fire. Allow the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see your true identity! (Heb. 6:19-20, Ps. 104:4)

Messenger means a forerunner, a person who carries a message. The 7 stars that Christ holds in His right hand are the 7 messengers of the 7 Candlesticks which are the 7 Churches. Seven is perfection and completion. (See Eliakim message)

Covenant means a binding agreement and promise!

Remember the six branches of the Candlestick are connected to the main central shaft which is Christ Jesus and in Him and Him alone are we perfected and complete. Then 1 John 4:17 becomes a reality! “*As He is so are we in the earth today.*” What was the purpose of God creating man from the beginning? Yes, to be made in His image and likeness. That is why He sent His son in the flesh to tabernacle among us, that we would follow Him beyond the veil, beyond our flesh, and believe His death was our death, and His burial was our burial, and His resurrection was our resurrection into the life He intended for humanity. This is why all creation is groaning for the redemption of their bodies (Rom. 8:23), so that man will fulfill his destiny to rule and reign over all things in the earth.

The Lord is summoning His craftsmen of Spirit who have been apprehended by His glory, but before we can be His appointed ministers we must first be baptized in the fire to become that fire. Remember the highest order of anything is to become it.

SMITHS ARE CRAFTSMEN OF FIRE

Smiths are craftsmen of the Spirit that forge fire, to make or kindle a fire. To forge means to make something, usually for a specific function; to shape or to mold. Smith also means to smite or strike, to make, construct, military power and weapon.

Jeremiah 5:14 - *Behold I will make My Words fire in your mouth.*

Ephesians 2:10 - *We are God's handiwork (His workmanship)*

Psalms 104:4 - *Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His minister.*

Malachi 3:1-3 - *Behold I am going to send My messenger and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant (2) But, who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers soap. (3) And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.*

We are purged in the fire to become the messengers of fire, for God is a consuming fire. In the fire we are molded, we are shaped by the Potter into instruments, vessels to be used for His glory. As God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, He is now preparing a people to walk in what Christ implemented through His death and resurrection, to follow Him beyond the veil. Christ was the forerunner that others would follow (Heb. 6:19-20).

God is raising up His smiths, His craftsmen who have been forged in the fire and tested in adversity. Like David who ran for his life to the cave of Adullam, like Joseph falsely accused in prison, like Moses who ran to the wilderness and just like John the Baptist who came forth at the proper time, to prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness, God is preparing a people of obscurity, in the wilderness of adversity, refining and purifying a company of overcomers who have become living sacrifices. A people who are craftsman of the Spirit, acknowledging that their life is not their own, and that no longer do they live, but Christ now lives in them. They are no longer drawn away by the cares of this world, selfish desires, man's doctrines or organizational projects and programs that are designed to perform and entertain. Instead they have been disciples growing up in the headship of the fullness of Christ, to walk and live according to the Spirit, becoming the messengers of flames of fire. Messengers, dispensers of the New Covenant of the Word and the Spirit.

YOU ARE A WEAPON OF WAR

Isaiah 11:4 - *And He will strike (smite, purify) the earth with the rod (branch, shoot) of His mouth, (speech, voice). And with the breath (Spirit) of His lips He will slay the wicked.*

With His branch company He will smite and destroy darkness with the declaration of the Word and the Spirit and will slay the enemy by the breath (Spirit) of the Lord in your mouth!

Zechariah 9:13 - *I will make you like a warrior's sword.*

Isaiah 49:2 - *He has made my mouth like a sharp sword.*

We are weapons of light, of illumination, through which the power of His Word destroys all darkness. Where light is darkness has no power (John 1:5, 1 Peter 2:9). As we come into agreement declaring the Word of God, we will slay the darkness

and every enemy and force that exalts itself against the living God will be destroyed because of the anointing.

You can have all kinds of edifices and elaborate structures and programs and projects, but if we do not have the life of the Spirit of the super natural, resurrected Christ manifesting, it is nothing but wood, hay and stubble. If men can think it, make it, create it, it is not God. God brings forth out of nothing and creates life and causes man to recognize that only a supernatural God could have done it. His law, the law of Spirit, supersedes the law of flesh which is humanity – the carnal, physical nature of mankind, the first Adam. This is why Jesus Christ died – to supersede the law of the flesh, the first Adam – and Christ became the Last Adam, the life-giving Spirit. (See Adam Chapter)

Let me ask you? Did man have anything to do with the parting of the Red Sea? (Ex. 14:22, Ps. 78:13) How about the axe floating to the top of the water? (2 Kings 6:6) How about raising the dead? (1 Kings 17:22) How about Gideon and his three hundred comrades who went against the Midianites and won the victory with a trumpet in their right hand and a torch in a pitcher in their left hand? (Judges 7:20) How about Abraham at the ripe old age of ninety nine years, and Sarah at ninety who was way past the age of child bearing, but gave birth to Isaac – son of promise! (Gen. 21:2) Yes, there is still hope for us! The Lord spoke to me one day and said, “Your birth is not effective until you fulfill your purpose”. Our fulfillment is in Him – the Promise. That Promise is that everything He is, He has given to us to be One with Him (John 17:22-23). As He is so are we in the earth today! (1 John 4:17b) The victory will be won through the power of His Word and His Spirit in us, through which we have come into agreement with Him and we have become completely subjected to Him.

Hebrews 2:8 - *You have put everything in subjection under his (man's) feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside (of man's) control, but at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him (man).*

We are to be His weapons of light and battle axes in the earth, His branch company that will smite and destroy darkness with the declaration of the Word and the Spirit and will slay the enemy by the breath (Spirit) of the Lord in your mouth!

Romans 13:12 - *The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor (weapon) of light.*

Jeremiah 51:20 - *You are My battle-ax and weapon of war- for with you I break nations in pieces, with you I destroy kingdoms.*

Through the declaration of the Word of God in your mouth the giants of the land are slain; lawlessness and sin are destroyed because of the anointing of the Christ within.

You will slay the giants with the WORD in your mouth!

God has called us as **smiths – craftsmen to kindle the fire**. His Word says, I will make MY Words fire in your mouth. (Jeremiah 5:14)

COALS OF FIRE

Isaiah 54:16 - *Behold I have created the smith who blows on the fire of coals and who produces a weapon for its purpose; and I have created the devastator to destroy.*

Coals are combustible, used for fuel. Fuel is something consumed to produce energy; materials such as wood, gas or oil burned to produce heat or power. Fuel stimulates the activity of existence to give it more power or heat. The highest order of anything is to become it! As we purpose in our hearts to allow our selfish desires to be consumed in the fire of God then we are transformed to become sons and daughters of light. We are God's weapons of light and are created and formed in the image of the Son in the fire. As we give ourselves willingly as living sacrifices, we become the coals to ignite the flame and the only thing left of us is Him. Then we will manifest His very power and presence that He purposed for us from the beginning of time.

Psalm 51:17 - *My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart,* such, O God, You will not despise.

Sacrifice means to relinquish something of great value, forfeit something highly valued for the sake of one of greater value.

When we choose to become living sacrifices, we lay down our lives and anything that is not of God which is symbolized by wood, hay and stubble we give the fire fuel. Instead of the fire burning us, we become one with the Fire – who God is! The Word tells we are to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. (Luke 3:16) What happened to Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-Nego? (Dan 3:16) The natural

fire could not touch them because the consuming Fire enveloped them. The Fire of God within was greater than the natural fire without.

Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah to make ready a people for the Lord, a people prepared in Spirit and in Truth, molded in the image of the Son. We are His craftsmen, purified in the fire to become messengers of flames of fire!! With the two edged sword in our mouth as weapons of light slaying all darkness until every hindrance and obstacle is removed. Joel's army is coming forth.

Joel 2:11 - *And the Lord utters His voice before His army; surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out HIS WORD.*

Joel 3:9-10 - *Proclaim this among the nations; prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up! (10) Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."*

The trumpet has been blown and God is summoning His leaders, His craftsmen of Spirit, those who have become living sacrifices to be transformed to execute God's purpose (Num 10:4). It is time for the manifestation of sons (Rom 8:19). For creation anxiously and eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

